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## Israeli claims rejected

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia rejects allegations in the enemy's (Israeli) press to implicate the Kingdom in positions contradictory to its present and future policy, Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani declared Monday.

The minister was making the remarks following Israeli allegations by opposition leader Shimon Peres that the Kingdom "might be willing to establish a dialogue (with Israel) for peace in the area."

Dr. Yamani said these allegations were meant for local Israeli consumption in view of the forthcoming election campaign in occupied Palestine. "The peace we want is not that what Peres and Begin want", Dr. Yamani said.

The peace we support is based on rights, justice, international law and the resolutions of the United Nations," he added. The minister reiterated the Kingdom's policy that a peaceful solution must be based on the withdrawal of Israelis from all occupied Arab territories, the return of the Palestinians to their homeland, including Jerusalem, their right to self-determination and to an independent state.

"These are stable and permanent principles of our foreign policy which leave no room for doubt or misinterpretation," he said. The minister concluded his remarks by emphasizing the Kingdom's adherence to the resolutions of the Arab and Islamic summits.

## Japan to pump \$1b into Gulf oilfields

TOKYO, March 23 (R) — The Japan Oil Development Company (JODCO) said it planned to spend more than one billion dollars developing three major oil fields in the Gulf in a joint venture with Abu Dhabi, one in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

JODCO executive vice-president Akira Nishida told Reuters in an interview that development of the Zakum Upper, Umm al-Dalkh and Satah fields would secure more oil for Japan and allow the UAE to increase investment in industry.

JODCO, nearly 70 per cent owned by Japan's semi-official National Oil Corpora-



HERMIT TO HAVE BATH TUB: Hermit Herbert Hobz, 65, who lives in a lean-to shack in swampland near Brisbane, Australia, without electricity, running water or sewerage has inherited \$115,960 and plans to buy a bath tub.

## Saud flies to Tunis

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal left here for Tunis Monday to attend the 75th session of the Arab League. He was joined by the Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al Khalifah who had arrived here earlier in the day. They left in the same plane.

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## Polish crisis ups dollar, gold

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — Increased tension in Poland boosted bullion prices in Europe Monday morning, and along with higher interest rates, brought new gains for the dollar.

Trading in the Italian lira was calm following the Italian government's decision Sunday to devalue the lira by 6 per cent against other currencies in the European monetary system.

The lira was down 1 to 4 per cent against European currencies and 2 per cent against the dollar which was quoted mid-morning at 1,033 lire, from 1,010.45 Friday. The West German mark was worth 494 lire, from Friday's 488.

The move was part of an austerity package, raising interest rates and cutting government spending: in a bid to rescue the shaky Italian economy. One Milan dealer noted that the action "made official a de facto situation" since the lira was already in effect devalued by recent trading.

Another commented: "I have the impression it was a desperate move by the government to avoid its own collapse." A Frankfurt dealer said the devaluation had been expected because "pressures have been building."

Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar closed at 208.95 yen, up from 208.55 Friday. In later European trading, the dollar was quoted at

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**INAUGURATION TODAY AT 5 PM**

All invitees to the inauguration of the Indian Trade Exhibition on March 24, 1981 at the Jeddah Expo Centre under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Majid Bin Abdul Aziz, Governor of Mecca, may kindly note that the inauguration would now be at 5 PM (instead of 7.30 PM)

Embassy of India, Jeddah

## Khartoum opposes military bases

By Wahib Ghorab and Ayman Zahid

JEDDAH, March 23 — The Sudanese government reiterated Monday its rejection of the concept of foreign military bases in Africa and its own territory because of the inherent dangers that they involve.

In a press communique issued here the Sudanese embassy denied reports that it had proposed inviting the United States to have military bases. The Sudanese government it said, sought American assistance in building military airports and other installations which might be used by both countries in the event of a superpower attack on Sudan. These facilities will be restricted to the use of the Sudanese forces but they will be available to other friendly countries if Sudan were threatened.

The statement affirmed its opposition to foreign military presence in Africa and the Arab world because this would "drag the regions into the arena of international rivalry which serves the interests of the superpowers." "The government insists on "neutralizing" the Red Sea and working toward peace and stability there, the statement said.

Referring to the recent reports from Khartoum about an abortive coup the statement said it was not a coup in the accepted sense but an attempt and contacts of a suspicious nature led by a retired officer and a small number of others, both civilians and military. The authorities are investigating the move by interrogating those under arrest; it said.

Meanwhile Sudanese sources told Arab News that restoring full diplomatic relations with Egypt did not imply any change in Sudan's Arab policies.

## Nigeria reduces oil production

LONDON, March 23 (R) — Nigeria has had to trim its oil output because a surplus in the world market has led some of its customers not to renew contracts, *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW)* said Monday.

The New York oil industry newsletter, which is also distributed in London, said Nigeria had cut production from more than two million to about 1.8 million barrels daily.

PIW said the surplus also encouraged buyers to put up a strong resistance to premiums imposed by Kuwait on top of its official crude price. It has charged premiums as high as \$5.50 on the official price \$35.50 on some crude sold

## Millions await Walesa word

WARSAW, March 23 (Agencies) — Ten million members of the independent trade union Solidarity were Monday awaiting the word from their leader Lech Walesa to take protest action against last week's incidents in the northern town of Bydgoszcz.

In a bid to head off an uncontrolled workers' revolt — particularly in Bydgoszcz itself where the situation was very tense Sunday night — Solidarity leaders issued a strong appeal to all members to wait until they were told to act.

Report reaching Warsaw from the province indicated that the order was being obeyed Monday as the Solidarity executive prepared to meet at Bydgoszcz at 4:00 p.m.

## U.S. miners reach tentative accord

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — The American coal industry and union negotiators announced Monday they have reached tentative agreement on a new three-year contract.

"We have a settlement" United Mine Workers president Sam Church told reporters at the hotel where bargaining took place. Church was accompanied by B.R. Brown, head of the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association.

The settlement, which now must be approved by the UMW's 39-member bargaining council and the union's 160,000 members, would shorten — but not avert — a nationwide coal strike Friday.

"The tentative settlement will be sent to the union's rank-and-file miners in eastern and midwestern coal fields if approved by the bargaining council, which was summoned to Washington Sunday by Church. It was believed the council would take up the proposed contract later Monday.

## Who spied on who, paper asks

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — Sir Roger Hollis, director-general of Britain's MI5 counter-intelligence agency from 1956 to 1965, was strongly suspected of being a Soviet spy master involved in deep penetration of this country's security agencies, but died before investigators could prove anything, *The Daily Mail* reported Monday.

The defense ministry declined comment on the report. But the newspaper's defense specialist, Chapman Pincher, said in a front-page report that Hollis, as head of the agency responsible for counter-espionage and domestic security, "may have been the most damaging spy in history."

Pincher said that soon after he retired, Hollis faced an "unprecedented interrogation covering the 30 years during which he stood either near or at the top of this country's security forces." Hollis died in 1973. But, Pincher said, although the spy master "never cracked" under extensive interrogation, "his answers to questions were regarded as unsatisfactory."

Pincher added: "I have established that loyal MI5 officers who uncovered the evidence that led to Sir Roger's dramatic interrogation believed that the Russians penetrated the security and intelligence services so deeply and for so long that they not only neutralized them, but effectively ran them."

Pincher said that after Hollis' death, Sir Burke Trend, a prominent civil servant and former secretary to the cabinet, was ordered to investigate Hollis and reported "weighty, circumstantial evidence" he had been a Soviet agent.

Trend also reported there was "a strong prima facie case that MI5 had been deeply penetrated over many years" by Hollis and other agents not yet publicly identified.

Monday's disclosures rekindled concern about Britain's intelligence services amid a separate scandal involving Sir Peter Hayman, Britain's former high commissioner, or ambassador, in Canada, who held several sensitive defense posts.

Hayman, 66, and now retired, was named in Parliament last week as being involved in a child pornography scandal.

## Between Kingdom, N. Yemen Bilateral talks held

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 23 — Saudi Arabia and North Yemen Monday held high level talks on bilateral relations during which a message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh was delivered to King Khaled.

The message was carried by Interior Minister Lt. Col. Ali Uthrob who arrived here Saturday on a few days visit.

The Kingdom's delegation to the talks was led by King Khaled and included Crown Prince Fahd; Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah; Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan; Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmed ibn Abdul Aziz and the Kingdom's ambassador in Sanaa Sheikh Trad Al Harithi.

Uthrob was met upon arrival by Prince Naif, Dr. Ibrahim al Awaji, deputy interior minister, Sheikh Abdul Aziz al Salem, head of the National Security Council; Gen Abdullah al Sheikh, public security director; and Abdul Karim al Makhazi, North Yemen charge d'affaires and other senior officials.

He lauded Saudi Arabian-Yemen relations and expressed the hope that the talks will bolster mutual relations between the peoples of Saudi Arabia and North Yemen.

Prince Naif also made statement and



GIFTS: Interior Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz presents a gift to North Yemen Interior Minister Lt. Col. Ali Uthrob. The Yemeni minister is in Riyadh on an official visit for talks on bilateral relations. expressed pleasure at the visit. The Prince said "We are brethren and are always ready to listen to all what our Yemeni brethren want to say."

Earlier Saturday North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al Thawr held talks with Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

## Prince Sultan honors Nott

By Nigel Harvey

RIYADH, March 23 — Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Monday received British Secretary of Defense John Nott upon arrival here on a three-day official visit.

Nott will hold talks with Sultan on military cooperation between the two Kingdoms. He will also brief Saudi Arabian officials on Britain's position over the controversial Rapid Deployment Force proposed by the United States to protect Western interests in the Arab Gulf region against Soviet dangers. Later Monday night Prince Sultan honored the Secretary of Defense to a dinner at the Officers' Club.

On Tuesday, Nott is scheduled to hold two

hours talks with Prince Sultan, preceded by half an hour with Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the national guard. Nott was due to visit the King Faisal Air Academy in Riyadh where air force pilots are trained in cooperation with British experts.

Later Tuesday Nott will spend half an hour with Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad before touring the Armed Forces Hospital in Riyadh. Finally he will visit Riyadh's Archeological Museum, according to British Embassy sources.

Nott, who is accompanied by British press delegation is due to visit Dhahran briefly before continuing his tour to Oman, Bahrain, the Emirates and Qatar.

## Dundee urged to furl Palestine flag

DUNDEE, March 23 (AP) — The Lord Provost, or mayor, of Dundee Sunday urged the city council to take down a Palestine Liberation Organization flag over the council chamber after anti-Semitic slogans were daubed on a synagogue.

The move by Mayor James Gowans came as 400 British Jews staged a protest meeting in the city and alleged Dundee's civic links with the Palestinians would lead to anti-Semitism. Greville Janner, a Jewish member

of parliament and president of the board of deputies of British Jews, led the protest and declared Dundee city council's action in displaying the PLO banner was "an anti-Semitic outrage."

The PLO flag was raised here after Dundee, Scotland's fourth largest city, twinned with Nablus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank region last November. Dundee is also twinned with Alexandria, Virginia, Orleans, France, and Wuerzburg, West Germany.

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# New airport to open for public inspection

By Ayman Abdullah Zahid  
**JEDDAH, March 23** — King Abdul Aziz International Airport will be open for one week for public inspection tours after the facility is dedicated by King Khaled on April 7.

Brig. Yusuf Amin, international airports project director, said after King Khaled's dedication, the airport will open to for operations in late May.

Amin said that six main streets will lead to the new airport from Jeddah. Contacts were made with Jeddah Municipality to install direction signs along the Jeddah by-pass, Medina road, Sateen Street, Sabeen Street, Macarona Street and the Corniche Street through Khalidiya upon dedication of the airport.

The first phase of the airport was originally designed to handle eight million passengers annually, Amin said in a radio interview Monday. But the capacity has been increased

sixfold. He said that the airport's equipment has gone as far as possible in most advanced technology, and that the airport's designs has taken into consideration work for the next ten years.

The airport will have several main entrances. Saudia will have a special southern entrance, while the northern gate will be for international airlines. There will also be special entrances for air cargo and the arrival and departure lounges for pilgrims.

It has also been emphasized that pilgrims be separated from other passengers. Pilgrim planes will have a special tarmac, and the arrival and departure lounges will accommodate 1,200 passengers per hour each.

Speaking about parking and transportation, Amin said that several parking lots have been developed. There will be one specified for vehicles for hours at nominal fees, and there will be another for daytime parkings. The airport management has coordinated with the Saudi Arabia Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) to run regular buses from the airport to several parts of the city, he added.

Amin concluded saying that King Abdul Aziz airport will be one of the most sophisticated airports in the world. It will solve all the problems that faced passengers in the old airport, he said.

The royal terminal is a palatial structure of Greek marble sprawling under a pyramidal copper roof. It was designed by the Japanese-American architect Minoru Yamasaki. Despite its 12,000 square-yard parade ground and private 346-car garage, the king's air terminal is dwarfed both in size and architectural splendor by three other passenger terminals on the 40 square-mile grounds of King Abdul Aziz International Airport.

Among other things, 16 desalination units had to be built to convert 12.3 million gallons of nearby Red Sea water into fresh water each day. The entire job, including two parallel two-mile-long runways that can handle any aircraft in any weather condition, required more than 70 contractors from 35 nations.

## Trade missions schedule visit

**JEDDAH, March 23** — A Dutch trade mission will visit the Kingdom next month to follow up the results of the floating exhibition which came here two years ago, according to the Netherlands embassy.

In a press release issued Monday, the embassy said the 18-man mission will represent companies in industrial turnkey projects, diamond drills, steel nails, vegetable oils, tropical hardwood, tea and cigarettes, bus top shelters, computer forms, electrical insulating materials, picture frames, livestock, chemicals and moquette floor tiles.

The mission which will visit Riyadh and Dammam will be led by Coos Vos, director of the Netherlands center for trade promotion.

In addition, a U.S. trade delegation representing 11 companies will arrive here in the coming few days. The group specializes in water supply equipment and services and will visit Dhahran and Jeddah.



**WAR ON PESTS:** The Cleanliness Week for Jeddah that opened Saturday is progressing successfully. Investing the efforts of thousands of school boys and about 6,000 municipality workers accompanied by a public awareness campaign, the week is expected to leave Jeddah tidier. Picture shows one of Jeddah Municipality's placards which is part of the campaign.

## Ministry reaffirms Local goods get preference

Riyadh Bureau  
**RIYADH, March 23** — The Ministry of Industry and Electricity has reaffirmed its recommendations to various authorities that priority in government purchases and projects should be given to locally-produced and manufactured goods.

The recommendation listed more than 400 industrial enterprises which must be given preferential treatment in placing local orders and buying for the government. They included mineral water, food processing, textiles, furniture, workshops, paper, plastics and chemicals, paints, building materials and prefabricated houses.

This is in keeping with a council of ministers order issued three years ago urging all government departments to patronize local industries in order to boost their production and give them an edge over imports.

Studies are being conducted by the ministry to further encourage the national industries to fulfil local demand and develop their potential for expansion.

most of the local industries are partly financed by the government-owned Saudi Industrial Development Fund to the tune of 50 per cent of the total cost which is repayable, interest-free over a number of years by easy installments. The SIDF must approve of the viability of the project and the need for it. In addition, it ensures that projects do not clash in any one area.

The government has been trying vigorously to expand the industrial base of the Kingdom by encouraging the private sector to establish industries, and on the other hand, initiating itself the development of large-scale projects which normally do not attract the private sector, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report.

The incentives provided to the private sector

include: exemption from customs duties of imported machinery and equipment, spare parts, raw or semi-processed materials, and packing materials, protective tariffs or quotas against competing imports, financial assistance on a highly concessionary basis, long-term leasing of industrial sites at nominal rent, preferential treatment for locally manufactured goods in government procurement and assistance in the identification of viable projects through market research and feasibility studies.

## COMMENT

By Khaled Al-Humail  
 Al Jazirah

It seems we have forgotten, or perhaps pretend to forget, that there is a literary club in Riyadh. Many of our young writers think it is only a small publishing house with limited potentialities. It is true that its production is limited, if not weak. But it is because of the fact that the young writers keep away from the activities of this club, which we, in fact, wish to see a center of literary activity for every lover of literature.

We admit, however, that the young writers' detachment from the club has not been of their choice, but the circumstances and the policy of the club made them disenchanted as if it were not in existence at all!

Now that the elderly writers have had meetings with their younger colleagues to discuss the club's problems, it produces some sign of hope for its improvement. The club's president, Sheikh Abu Abdul Rahman ibn Aqil, seems to have realized the significance of the role of young writers.

It is evident from his recent speech in which he expressed his total readiness to liquidate all differences with them in the interest of a constructive discussion based on mutual love and cordiality. This, in my view constitutes the framework for the literary activity of both old and young writers to serve the interest of all.

The committees which have been set up to supervise the club's activities have their own significance, as no real literary production could be possible without the existence of such committees. These bodies largely depend on young authors with specific vision, who consequently become responsible for the popularization of Saudi Arabia's modern literature everywhere. Their literary tours primarily aim at realizing the goals for which we have long aspired.

## Nazer to open symposium

Washington Bureau  
**WASHINGTON, March 23** — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer will be the keynote speaker at next month's Arab symposium here at Georgetown University.

Sheikh Nazer will join both American and Arab economists, sociologists and academicians at Georgetown's sixth annual symposium which will explore the topic: "Arab Resources: The Transformation of a Society."

The planning minister is scheduled to open the symposium on April 9 with an address on institution building in developing countries. The other primary speakers at the two-day symposium will be Charles Issawi, an economics professor from Princeton University in New Jersey, and Georgetown's own Hisham Sharabi, who is a history professor.

Issawi will be the banquet speaker at the conference, which is expected to draw more than 300 persons. His topic will be "Why Japan?"

Sharabi, a Palestinian-American, will give a luncheon address entitled: "The Poor Rich Arabs" on the second day of the symposium, which is sponsored by the university's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

In addition to the three main speakers, the



Sheikh Hisham Nazer

symposium program will feature numerous panel discussions on various facets of Arab resources — human, energy, financial and food — and how they relate to the societal changes taking place in the Arab world.

Another session of the symposium will focus on the political environment in the region and its relation to national, intra-regional and international development. Another principal theme of the conference will be the role of women in Arab development.

## Guard trainees' graduation noted

**RIYADH, March 23 (SPA)** — Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard, attended a ceremony marking the graduation of the 10th class of the National Guard's Joint Corps School Monday.

Col. Muhammad ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Sulaiman, commander of the National Guard military and technical schools, said in a speech that the National Guard schools are preparing to enter a new development stage to keep in pace with the comprehensive development of the National Guard.

He hailed Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, and his deputy Prince Badr for their attention to members of the National Guard. Capt. Sultan ibn Turki Al-Rubayyan delivered the joint corps school's statement and was followed by Lt. Mutlaq Al-Utaibi who spoke on behalf of the graduate officers.

After announcing the results of the 10th class, Prince Badr handed certificates to all graduates and prizes to the distinguished officers.

## Water network project to be ready in 1982

**AL-KHOBAR, March 23 (SPA)** — The Eastern Province water pipelines project will go into operation by the beginning of 1982, officials announced Monday. The SR630 million project will pump fresh water from Azziyya to seven major towns in the Eastern Province.

Dawood Sulaiman Khamis, the saline water conversion corporation Eastern Province branch director general, said the Azziyya project comprises mixing stations where water will be collected and then distributed to the major towns.

## SR50m for refugees

**JEDDAH, March 23** — Saudi Arabia paid SR50 million toward the fund for the aid of the Afghan refugees. The money was given to Habib Chatti, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference to be passed on the Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

The money was donated by the people in response to an appeal made by King Khaled to help their Muslim brothers who were dislodged by the Soviet invasion and occupation of their country two years ago. The King asked Riyadh Governor Prince Salman to chair a committee to collect donations. The committee has already made larger contributions to the refugee funds.

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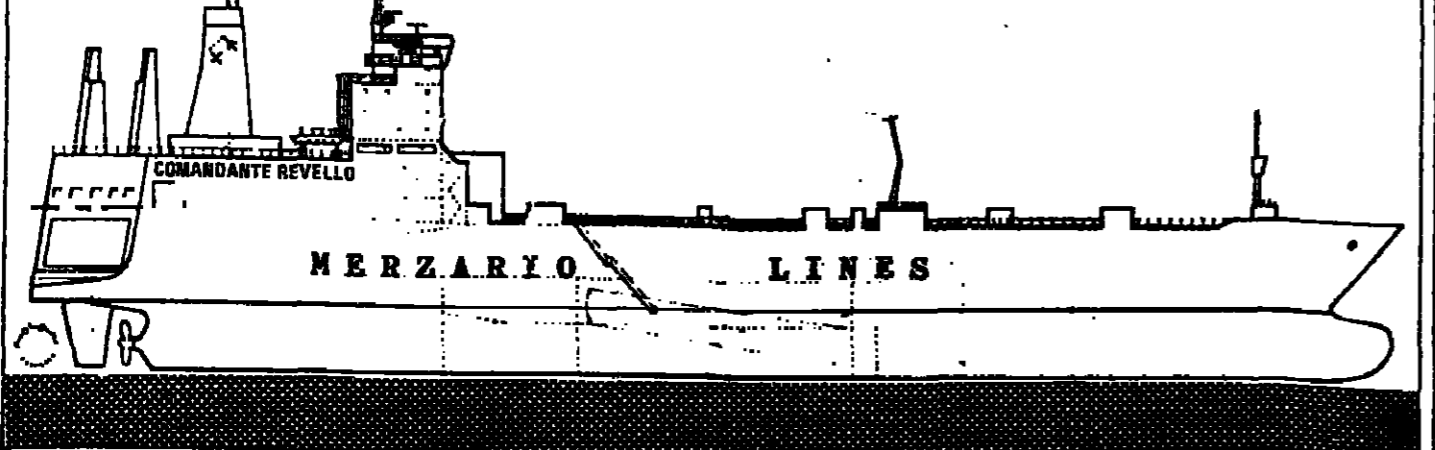
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To pump 1.85m barrels

# Petroline project to finish soon

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 23 — The east-west crude oil pipeline (Petroline) project is expected to be completed in four months' time and will start pumping crude with an initial daily capacity of 1.85 million barrels. Pumping capacity will be increased to 2.35 million barrels in the future.

The world's largest pipeline will link the oil fields in the Eastern Province to the town of Yanbu on the western coast. It would provide a principal land route for the transport of crude from the Arabian Gulf to the Red Sea,

from where it would be exported to the ports of Europe and North America.

The \$1.64 billion project will cut short the distance of 3,600 kms. of sea route around the Arabian peninsula. The resulting low cost of transport justifies the creation of this line from the economic aspect.

The project is expected to be dedicated by King Khaled, but so far it has not been decided when the ceremony would take place and when the pumping would begin through this line.

The advantages which the Kingdom will derive from this line will exceed the economic return of the project, especially as the construction of a plant to export the crude from the Red Sea would enhance the Kingdom's capability of exporting from its coasts. It would ease tankers' movement into the Arabian Gulf and would, at the same time, give greater flexibility to the Kingdom in controlling the supply of its crude in world and local markets together.

The 48-inch-diameter pipeline will stretch into a distance of 1,200 kms., making it one of the biggest pipelines of the world as regards distance and capacity. It will connect Al-Ghawar oil field in the Eastern Province with the export station at the Red Sea coast. In addition, 11 stations are currently under construction to reinforce pumping through the line.

There will be three maintenance centers at

strategic points on the pipeline. Meanwhile, a coastal complex and some marine facilities are being built at the western side of the pipeline. The complex will have 11 reservoirs each with a capacity of one million barrels, besides special pipelines creating a link with the marine complex. In the beginning, the complex will have three docks for the filling of tankers, with the number rising to four in the future. These docks will be capable of receiving giant oil tankers with a net capacity of 500,000 tons.

On the other hand, the three main projects have been proposed for Yanbu, depending on the introduction of this pipeline. These include — A local fuel refinery to be owned by Petromin to function with an initial productive capacity of 170,000 barrels per day.

A fuel refinery for export with a productive capacity of 250,000 barrels per day. A petrochemical complex with a productive capacity of one billion ratal per year of petrochemical by-products. (Ratal is a weight whose English equivalent is 449.28 g.)

These projects are expected to constitute an extremely significant industrial base for the natural port of Yanbu. According to the agreement signed last February, Mobil Overseas Pipelines, an offshoot of Mobiloil has undertaken the detailed designing, engineering and construction of the pipeline with the assistance of the General Organization for Petroleum and Mineral Resources (Petromin).



CHINA HONORS: Dr. Mansour Al-Turki (right), principal of the Riyadh University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, is decorated with a medal by Chu Fu-Sung (left), minister of foreign affairs, for his contribution to the promotion of relations between the Republic of China and Saudi Arabia.

### Snow falls in Abha

ABHA, March 23 — After Sunday's heavy rains in the Southern Region, snow covered the peaks of the Sawda mountain chains, 2,400 above sea level. The Rabiya, and Rafidah highlands also were covered by snow-adding to the beauty of the Kingdom's summer resorts.

### In Jeddah

## Youth group opens new office

By Muhammad Ramadan

JEDDAH, March 23 — The Riyadh-based World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) will open a branch in Jeddah to support its expanding activities, Islamic officials told Arab News Monday.

WAMY was set up in 1973 by the First World Conference of Muslim Youth in Riyadh. It has five regional offices in Africa (Lagos, Nigeria), Asia (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Europe (London), the Americas (Toronto, Canada), and the Middle East (Amman, Jordan).

The assembly is actively involved in Dawa (inviting people to join Islam) activities. It holds seminars and tries to disseminate Islamic literature by assisting Muslim youth and student organization working in this field. It also organizes leadership training programs for Muslim youths and conducts youth and student camps which group participants from various parts of the world. The camps also provide training on modern management and administrative skills.

WAMY is helped in organizing the camps by the 42-member Organization of the Islamic Conference, especially at the international and regional levels. Among the camps jointly organized by the two organizations are the one in Abha, Saudi Arabia, in 1977; the European and Middle Eastern Regional Muslim Youth Camp in Cyprus in 1978; the African Regional Islamic Youth Camp in Mali in 1979; the North and Central American Muslim Youth Camp in Louisiana in 1979; the International Muslim Youth Camp as part of the 15th century Hijrah activities in Chanakale, Turkey, in 1980; the

Asian Islamic Youth Camp in Mauchok, Bangladesh, in 1981 and the South and Central Muslim Youth Camp in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1981.

The assembly maintains relations with Muslim youth and student organizations around the world and helps them carry out their programs. WAMY's new office in Jeddah is located off University road, facing the university.



VISITING: Australian Deputy Premier and Minister of National Resources and Overseas Trade John Anthony, arrived in Riyadh Monday for a short visit. He will hold talks with officials here on trade and technical cooperation.

### APICORP meets

MANAMA, March 23 (SPA) — Jamal Hassan Jawa, Saudi Arabia's representative and board chairman of the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation, arrived here Sunday for the board meeting opening Monday.

APICORP, an offshoot of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Producing Countries includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Syria, Algeria and Libya. Its purpose is to seek economic and industrial integration among Arab countries by establishing industrial joint ventures in the member states.

In Abu Dhabi, a health planning committee set up by the General Secretariat of the Arab Gulf Health Ministers Conference will open a four-day meeting Saturday. It will discuss a new health plan for the area, and the provision of manpower in the health field to cater for the region's requirements.



MISSION: Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman (center) visited Jeddah Sunday to join Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure (left), head of the Islamic goodwill mission, to prepare for another trip to Baghdad and Tehran in its efforts to end the Gulf war. The two heads of state met Habib Chatti (right), OIC secretary general, immediately after President Rahman's arrival.

### BRIEFS

**Finland Minister to visit**  
RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Finland's minister of agriculture and forestry will arrive here April 3 on a short visit to Saudi Arabia. He will discuss with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water the fostering of cooperation in the agricultural field.

**Track and field events**  
JEDDAH, March 23 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed will attend Wednesday at Jeddah's sport stadium the track and field championship, first level, among educational zones in Saudi Arabia. The event is organized by the Western Province Education Directorate with the participation of all schools.

**Talks held**  
RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, conferred Sunday evening with Moroccan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Muhammad Al-Arabi Al-Alami. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, the assistant deputy commander of the National Guard.

**Education seminar planned**  
RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — The Arab Education Bureau for Gulf Countries opens its third seminar Tuesday evening at the Book Center here. The theme of the seminar is "The Gulf University, Where to?" A number of prominent scholars will take part.

**IAO reduces fares**  
JEDDAH, March 23 (SPA) — The Islamic Aviation Organization announced Monday that Arab and Islamic airlines agreed to the IAO proposal to reduce flight fares for Muslim youths by 50 per cent in their travels between Arab and Islamic countries. The IAO Secretariat General said in its statement that the decision would facilitate visiting historic sites in the Islamic world for the youths. The IAO initiated its move on the occasion of the advent of the 15th Hejra century.

**Industrial exhibit opening**  
JEDDAH, March 23 — The inauguration of the Indian industrial exhibition at the Jeddah Expo Center on Tuesday, March 24 will be at 5 p.m. instead of 7 p.m., according to Kamlesh Sharma, counselor at the Indian Embassy.

**Transplants sold**  
JEDDAH, March 23 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water's Zilfi branch is selling 25,000 fruit and decorative transplants to farmers at nominal prices. The branch's director, Saud Muhammad Al-Thayyar, told Al-Riyadh Monday that the prices range between SR5 and SR25.

**Somali minister visits**  
RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — The Somali Education Minister, Aden Muhammad Ali, left Riyadh Monday for Medina as part of his visit to the Kingdom. The Somali minister, who arrived last week, held talks with Saudi Arabian education officials, including Higher Education Minister Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh.

**Baha-Makhwah road begun**  
JEDDAH, March 23 — Work began on the SR500 million Baha-Makhwah pass. The 45-kilometer highway will have 64 bridges and 37 tunnels, according to Al-Riyadh Monday.

### SR30m reimbursed for Tarut property

TARUT, March 23 (SPA) — Officials are giving SR30.2 million in compensation for land expropriated on Tarut island for building a meat and vegetable market, mayor Mubarak Muhammad Al-Musit, said Sunday.

The municipality is also implementing urgent asphalt and lighting projects in various streets that will cost SR31.9 million and will be completed within 12 months, the mayor added.

Other projects include asphalt of a road that will link Tarut with Daren, in the south, and Al-Zoor in the north, as well as Sanabel-East coastal street for an amount of SR2,794,000. They also include a sewage network and backfilling of swamps for SR557 million over a 30-month period. Another SR6.6 million is earmarked for a drinking water network and building of reservoirs within 12 months.

### New dhow designed

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH, March 23 — The traditional Arabian craft, the dhow, has been the inspiration behind a sleek new fishing vessel designed by an Australian marine manufacturing company. The new vessel resulted from an exchange of ideas between the designers and a group of professional Arab fishermen on a Bahrain beach.

The meeting was prompted by a desire by the company to learn at first hand the needs of Arabian Peninsula fishermen who have dependability of modern craft.

The outcome of the Bahrain gathering was the streamlined 6.7 meter fiberglass "Mako Fisherman." Its features include a capacity to use any size engine up to 149 KW (200 hp) and a stern which can accommodate twin engines to provide more power and security. Forward seating can be used as bunks. Waterproof lockers are situated under the bunks, leaving a large, open fishing platform behind the steering console.

The boat has two .16 cu. m. ice boxes, a galvanized frame for cartage of fishtraps and a winching davit for pulling the traps. It weighs 750 kg. and has a beam of 2.5 m.

Two similar pleasure craft made by the company are the Marlin and Mako runabout. The Marlin is a deluxe vessel, featuring a small cuddly cabin forward, marine toilets and open styling. The Mako also has open styling, but no cabin. So far the company markets the craft in Bahrain, Dubai, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates.

### Salman tours quarter

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Sunday urged officials concerned with the establishment of the diplomatic quarter here to see to it that the companies under contract finish their work on time and according to specifications.

The prince, accompanied by Deputy Governor Prince Sattam, toured the site of the project at Al-Der'eyyah then chaired a meeting to review implementation progress.



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## Deployment of Lebanese army

## Zionists threaten war of attrition

METULLA, March 23 (Agencies) — The Israeli chief of staff has said that the entry of Lebanese army soldiers into Southern Lebanese villages could lead to a war of attrition between Israel and Palestinian commandos. Lieut-Gen. Rafael Eytan's warning, in an interview with Israel radio Sunday in the border town of Metulla, was the toughest of several issued by Israeli leaders in the last few days.

## Syria arrests former hostage

DAMASCUS, March 23 (AP) — Former American hijack hostage Craig Clymore has been arrested in Syria pending efforts to get him extradited to the United States to answer drug smuggling charges, U.S. Embassy sources said here Monday. Clymore, 24, of Laguna Hills, Calif., was among more than 100 hostages held for 13 days on a hijacked Pakistani airliner in Kabul, and Damascus. Clymore stayed in a downtown Damascus hotel for a full week before he was taken from his hotel to a Damascus prison Saturday.

## Zia arrests top opposition leaders

KARACHI, March 23 (Agencies) — Police arrested a leader of the movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) here Monday as he attempted to address an anti-government protest meeting on Pakistan's Republic Day.

Khawaja Khairuddin and other MRD militants were arrested as they arrived at the meeting, scheduled to take place inside the Muhammad Ali Jinnah mausoleum, tomb of Pakistan's founder and first governor-general, who died in 1948.

Khairuddin, who leads a faction in the Muslim League, has been placed under house

## West Bank mayor shadowed

## Court case on land seizure planned

TEL AVIV, March 23 (Agencies) — Residents in the Arab West Bank town of Bitunia have said they would appeal to the Israeli supreme court against an order by the Israeli occupation authorities expropriating 50 acres of land near the town.

They told reporters Sunday they used the land for cultivation and grazing but the Israeli authorities said the land was state-owned. Meanwhile, West Bank Mayor Bassam al-Shaka, who lost both legs in a bomb attack, told reporters he had protested to the Israeli authorities against what he said was "shadowing by uniformed policemen."

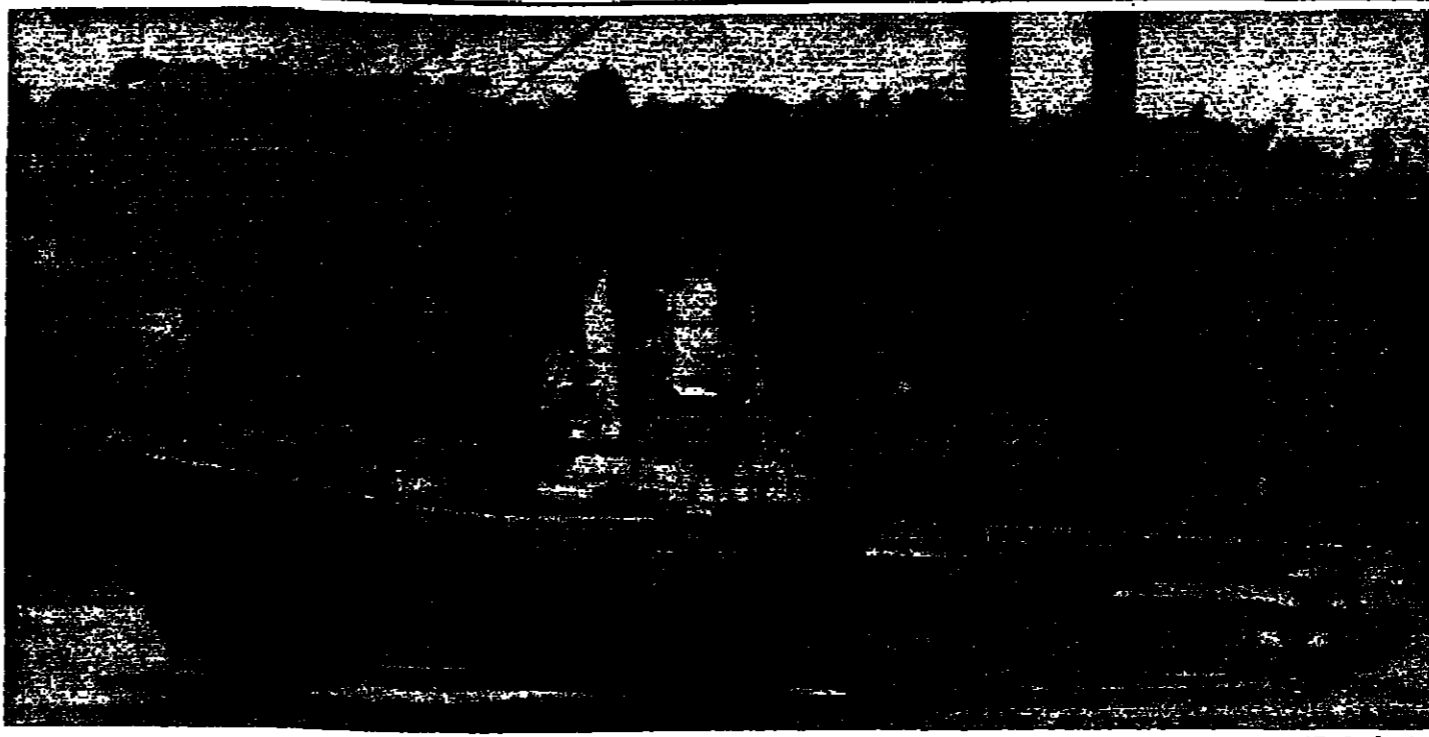
It followed the deployment of Lebanese army regulars in the South Lebanon village of Kantara last week with the encouragement of Gen. William Callaghan, commander of the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

"If the commando (Palestinians') influence, with the backing of UNIFIL, spreads to the border, it means that the state of Israel returns to a situation of attrition along this border," Eytan said.

Last week, Israel's Lebanese Christian militia allies shelled Kantara and killing two UNIFIL Nigerian soldiers. The Lebanese army unit pulled out of the village, but returned at the end of the week. Scores of residents, fearing a renewed barrage from the militia, have since fled the village.

Gen. Callaghan, interviewed on Israel Radio Sunday said he supported the Lebanese army's right to deploy anywhere in Lebanon, including the south.

Meanwhile, in Beirut unidentified gunmen in a speeding car fired automatic weapons at the American Embassy in west Beirut Sunday but caused no damage to the building, the U.S. Embassy spokesman said.



CROSSING BOSPORUS: Russian aircraft carrier Klev crossed the Bosphorus recently en route her home port in the Black Sea after cruising for a year in the Atlantic Ocean and elsewhere. Istanbul port sources said the 39,000-ton carrier, equipped with vertical take-off and landing aircraft, was returning for regular overhaul and change of its 1,800 crewmen. In the background is the Bosphorus bridge which spans the European and Asian sides of Istanbul.

## U.S. ignores realities in M.E., Arafat says

LONDON, March 23 (Agencies) — Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), strongly attacked U.S. Mideast policy in an interview published by *The Guardian* newspaper here Monday.

He said: "We know exactly that the American administration is still as it was in the past, giving unlimited support to Israel politically, diplomatically and militarily. I am surprised and shocked that President (Ronald) Reagan, in his first statement, attacked the PLO," Arafat said.

He added that it was an irony of history that Vice-President George Bush told Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir that the PLO was a terrorist organization, "completely neglecting that he was addressing a person still wanted by INTERPOL because he participated in killing the U.N. representative in 1948, Count Folke Bernadotte."

"The administration headed by Reagan is neglecting the realities of this area, insisting on dealing through Israeli interests, which are completely against the interests of the American people," he said.

On last June's reported decision by the commando group Fatah to escalate the armed struggle and liquidate the "Zionist entity politically, militarily, culturally and ideologically", Arafat said: "What was published was not the official political programme of Fatah — It was an Israeli lie."

On the European initiative on Mideast, the PLO chief asserted: "We are the reality in

## New conspiracy alleged

this area, the most important number in the Middle East equation. There can be no peace, no settlement, no solution, no security by jumping over Palestinian rights."

"The previous American administration tried the Camp David conspiracy. Now they are trying a new conspiracy against our people with what is going on in South Lebanon and the occupied territories through the organized terrorism planned at the Israeli military junta," he said.

In Beirut, the Palestine commando movement has called the Arab League to take urgent measures to counter Sudan's restoration of full diplomatic relations with Egypt. Majed Abu Sharrar, spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), described the restoration of Sudanese-

Egyptian ties as serious. Urgent moves should be taken by the Arab League Secretary General Habib Chatti or the Arab League to place the matter before the Arab League countries.

The Baghdad conference, held in 1978 following the Egyptian-Israeli Camp David accords, decided on severing diplomatic relations with Egypt should it conclude a peace treaty with Israel, which it did in March, 1979.

Sudan, like most Arab states, withdrew its ambassador from Cairo in protest at the accords, but did not go as far as shutting down its embassy. An official announcement in Cairo and Khartoum Saturday said that Sudan and Egypt would appoint ambassadors shortly.

## BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A Thai parliamentary delegation has arrived in Israel for a six-day official visit which will include talks with President Yitzhak Navon and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Their talks will cover agriculture and health sectors.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A teachers' strike gave 1.2 million Israeli schoolchildren a holiday Monday, with the prospect of another free day Tuesday when parents keep them out of school in support of the teachers' claims for more money.

LISBON, (R) — Portuguese Foreign

Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira is leaving for Washington this week on a mission to discuss his country's role in American military planning for the Middle East. Portuguese officials say that at the heart of the discussions will be the use of the strategic U.S. air base in Portugal's mid-Atlantic Azores Islands for ferrying U.S. troops and equipment to trouble spots.

TRIPOLI, (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has accepted an invitation to visit Moscow, the official Libyan News Agency Jana said Sunday.

## Sadat orders release of Ali Sabri

CAIRO, March 23 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat has ordered the release of former vice president Ali Sabri, sentenced for life in 1971 for trying to overthrow the Egyptian leader by force, the weekly newspaper *Maya* said Monday.

Sabri, once president Sadat's main challenger in the struggle for power after the death of the Egyptian leader Gamal Abdul Nasser and known for his leftist tendencies, will be released in May. The newspaper, organ of President Sadat's ruling National Democratic Party, said the order also covered the release of two former cabinet ministers, Sami Sharaf and Muhammad Fayek.

But some veteran observers say the release of Sabri who has been called "Moscow's man in Cairo," could be a move aimed at improving Egypt's relations with the Soviet Union, a tactic often used by Sadat's predecessor, the late Gamal Abdul Nasser.

The Soviet Union has been suspicious of Sadat's policies since Sabri's arrest and relations between the two countries went up and down until the Egyptian president expelled some 17,000 Soviet military advisers in July 1972.

Sabri, former Presidential Affairs Minister Sami Sharaf, Information Minister Muhammad Fayek and Babel-Meguid Farid, a top official of the ASU, were among 91 pro-Moscow politicians tried before a special revolutionary tribunal in 1971 on charges of high treason in connection with an alleged plot to oust Sadat.

## Pakistan seeks extradition of Hijackers

ISLAMABAD, March 23 (AP) — Pakistan President Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq said Sunday he has asked Syria to extradite the three hijackers who earlier this month commanded a Boeing-720 aircraft to Damascus.

Zia said he made the request through Syrian President Hafiz Al-Assad. The hijackers surrendered nine days ago after releasing more than 100 hostages held aboard the PIA plane for 11 days.

The hostages were traded with 54 prisoners whose release was one of the conditions demanded by the hijackers. Both the hijackers and the released convicts have been granted "temporary asylum" in Syria until they find another country to go to. Zia disclosed the extradition request in a meeting with reporters at Islamabad airport. The Pakistan government wants to try the hijackers on charges of hijacking and murder.

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# Kampuchean elect 'popular committees'

PHNOM PENH, March 23 (AP) — The majority of this capital city's voters cast their ballots Sunday for members of "popular committees" which will run the affairs of their neighborhoods. The elections, which have been marked by celebrations, are the first to be held since the seizure of power in January, 1979, by the pro-Vietnam regime of Heng Samrin.

The voting marks a new step in the normalization of the country's political life and reconstruction. It is expected to be followed by legislative elections, although their date has not been fixed. Informed sources suggested, however, that the voting might occur about the middle of next month. The first duty of the new parliament will be to ratify the constitution of the People's Republic of Kampuchea. The constitution was presented to the press on March 12.

The elections were held in 10 of the city's 19 neighborhoods. Similar balloting is being held in the other neighborhoods and in other communities throughout the country on different days this month. Voting, which is mandatory, is expected to be completed by March 30 at the latest.

Early Sunday the voting booths were

shown to the public upon the opening of the polling stations and the empty ballot boxes were sealed as the voters watched. The lists of voters had already been drawn up with the assistance of local officials. Photographs of the various candidates and brief biographies were also displayed at the polling stations and there were people present to help the illiterate.

Meanwhile, the Kampuchean government has rejected Thai charges that Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea have used toxic gas in operations against resistance forces. The authorities dismissed as "slander" the charges which had been carried by the Thai government-run "Free Asia Radio."

They were intended "to deflect public attention" from Thai support for the ousted Khmer Rouge "genocidal criminals," to cover up Thai violations of Kampuchean territory and hit at the country's prestige, the official Kampuchean news agency said.

"Free Asia Radio" last week cited sources on the Thai-Kampuchean border to the effect that 10 persons had been killed and 31 others made seriously ill by Vietnamese use of toxic substances in foothills in the extreme west of Kampuchea from March 12 to 19.

One million to be surveyed

## U.S. to study lifestyle-cancer link

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, March 23 (AP) — Pilot surveys will soon be underway in 10 U.S. cities that could lead to a giant nationwide study of one million Americans and how their lifestyles relate to cancer, the American Cancer Society has announced.

Dr. Edward Scanlon, president of the society, told a science writers' seminar that the new study would be a follow-up of a similar million-person survey begun in 1959 that revealed valuable clues about the relationship between cancer and how people live. "Some questions will be the same as those asked 20 years ago to extend the observations," said Scanlon, chairman of surgery at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

"But there will be many new ones as lifestyles have changed and suspected carcinogens (cancer-causing agents) are different," he said Sunday. Lawrence Garfinkel, the society's vice president for epidemiology and statistics, said such a survey, in which one million people would be monitored for at least six years, normally would cost over \$100 million.

But, as in the last survey, the society will use volunteers to canvass communities, deliver questionnaires and follow up par-

ticipants. With this help, he said, a nationwide survey would initially cost \$10 million to \$15 million. The pilot surveys will begin next week in Tampa, Florida, and will be completed by the end of April.

Several hundred surveys will be conducted in each community. The results will be checked to see if there is enough interest to do a nationwide study. Garfinkel said the ACS board will meet in June to decide whether or not to pursue the nationwide effort. If approved, the full survey should begin in the fall.

Scanlon said first results of a national survey may take years to tabulate, but that in the end, "we may have a solid basis for eliminating some cancer hazards, and be able to reduce the risks of other diseases as well."

Exposure to new consumer products and drugs, caffeine in coffee and sodas, new low-tar and nicotine cigarettes, different foods and chemicals, and many other things will be looked at, he said. Just as the first national survey pointed to the dangers of cigarette smoking, the new one may raise warning flags about other common components of our lifestyles that have unsuspected health effects, Scanlon said.

## Burmese flee to Thailand

BANGKOK, March 23 (R) — A large number of rebel hill tribesmen have fled to Thailand across the Burmese frontier after Burmese troops attacked their villages while destroying opium fields, Thai border patrol police said Monday. Some 50 Burmese troops, supported by heavy artillery, Saturday burned down 31 villages, including the main rebel base on a hill top, in the southern Shan state across from Thailand's northern border province of Chiang Mai, they said.

Provincial officials said the fleeing people, who were given refuge in Thailand, had been prominent in opium cultivation and heroin processing along the rugged Burma-Thailand border which forms part of the so-called golden triangle of the two countries and Laos. Officials said Burmese military operations were continuing.

The Burmese army began sustained military operations last December to destroy opium fields in the Shan state



SWEPT BY FLAMES: A villa on the slopes of Mount Etas is swept by flames Thursday following the violent volcanic eruption.

New party to be launched

## British opinion poll favors Social Democrats

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — Britain's new Social Democrat Party, to be launched this week, would defeat Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, another opinion poll has stated — amid speculation that Tory rebels will try to ditch this right-wing leader.

For the first time, a Conservative legislator, right-wing loyalist George Gardiner, referred openly to simmering revolt within the ruling party. "A determined effort is being made by a minority of Tories at Westminster to undermine Margaret Thatcher and secure her replacement as party leader, if

### Japan plans to raise defense capability

TOKYO, March 23, (AFP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has disclosed his intention to step up defense capability, while developing the Japan-U.S. security system smoothly and effectively. The disclosure was made in an address at a defense academy commencement ceremony Sunday.

His remark, timed to coincide with Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito's start of full consultations in Washington with the Reagan administration on defense problems, was understood as demonstrating his hope to satisfy growing American expectations. Suzuki said that he intended to improve Japan's defense capability the level set in the 1976 defense program as early as possible.

Suzuki's positive posture shown in his speech is expected to be reflected in the 1983-1987 defense plan to be worked out within fiscal 1981. He is also expected to reveal his ideas at his meeting with President Ronald Reagan to be held in Washington in early May.

possible before the next election," Gardiner told a weekend meeting. Mrs. Thatcher, who ousted the Labor Party in May 1979, must call an election by early 1984.

Gardiner's remarks followed the open revolt in the 635-member House of Commons on March 16 against Mrs. Thatcher's harsh, tax-raising new budget. Thirty-three of her 336 legislators abstained or voted against the most unpopular measure, higher gasoline taxes, and one defected to the Social Democrats.

The latest poll, conducted by National Opinion Poll for the Liberal Sunday newspaper, *The Observer*, was the most favorable in a string of recent polls showing the Social Democrats will form the next British government.

The Social Democrats' launch Thursday will mark the setting up of the first new major British political party for 80 years since Labor was founded. The poll, among the sample of 1,588 voters, showed that the Social Democrats, in alliance with the small Liberal Party, would win 46 per cent of votes at an election now, with the leftward drifting Labor Party getting 27 per cent, and the Tories only 25 per cent.

According to the poll, even without the Liberals, the Social Democrats would still come top with 35 per cent of votes. Both major parties were clearly alarmed, with Tory and Labor legislators vying with each other the weekend to pour scorn on the Social Democrats.

Agriculture Minister Peter Walker, one of several cabinet members, dubbed "wets," who want Mrs. Thatcher to moderate her policies with increased state spending and aid for battered private industry, described the

Social Democrats as a "depot for deserters." "There is a new challenge of a new party ... (but) there is no justification for any Tory to leave," Walker said in a speech Sunday.

Another Tory left-winger, Norman St. John-Stevens, fired from the cabinet last January, urged that the Conservatives move center and stop infighting to meet the "particularly dangerous threat" to the Tories from the Social Democrats. "There could be a permanent change in British politics," said St. John-Stevens. "It is not a flight of fancy. It is a real danger."

The Social Democrats, led by four former Labor cabinet ministers including ex-Foreign Secretary David Owen and Ex-Education Secretary Shirley Williams, started last Jan. 24 when nine right-wing laborite legislators split and formed the Council for Social Democracy.

It is now the third largest group in the Commons with 12 ex-Labor legislators and one Tory defector, and has 18 members in the House of Lords. The group plans a high-profile launch Thursday with its four leaders, Owen, Mrs. Williams, former deputy Labor leader Roy Jenkins and ex-Transport Secretary William Rodgers, making a joint appearance in London and then fanning out separately to provincial towns.

The Social Democrats, in a break with British political party tradition, have announced they will enroll members by computer and allow them to pay subscriptions by credit card.

Meanwhile, treasury sources were reported by the authoritative *Sunday Times* as forecasting that unemployment will soar to be 3.7 million, or nearly 15 per cent, by the end of 1983.

## Reagan tilt to Pretoria stirs Africa

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — A perceived tilt by the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan toward the white minority government of South Africa is producing a backlash among black leaders in both Africa and the United States. Officially, administration policy on South Africa is still under review but Reagan indicated earlier this month will take a more benevolent attitude than former President Jimmy Carter did.

In an interview on television, Reagan said the United States should still be concerned about South Africa's policy of racial separatism, called apartheid. But he suggested that as long as a "sincere and honest" effort was being made to achieve racial harmony, the United States should not be critical.

Reagan then asked: "Can we abandon a country that has stood by us in every war he ever fought, a country that is strategically essential to the free world in its production of minerals that we all must have?"

South African officials were delighted. Black African leaders were not. "We hope sanity will prevail in Washington," Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said last week. "It would be most regrettable and harmful to the good relations between us and the United States if...the Reagan administration were to lend its support to the South African regime and its policies of apartheid and regional hostilities."

His remarks echoed statements earlier in the week by President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone and President Samora Machel of Mozambique. In the United States, Randall Robinson, director of TransAfrica, a private anti-apartheid group in Washington, said that if Reagan persists, black America "will use every available weapon to fight the administration."

Congressman William Gray said Reagan's message gives the wrong signal to U.S. "hate groups" by suggesting the president will "tolerate racial division and inequality." Former U.N. Ambassador Donald McHenry said Reagan's statement was likely to "encourage South Africa in its blindness."

### Essaafi to visit Hanoi

BANGKOK, March 23 (AFP) — U.N. special envoy Muhammad Essaafi, who arrived here Monday, will visit Hanoi later this week, Thai Foreign Ministry sources said. The sources said Essaafi would fly to Hanoi Wednesday before proceeding to Vietnam, Laos. He is due back in Bangkok Sunday prior to visiting the rest of the ASEAN states and perhaps elsewhere.

The U.N. official is also scheduled to be briefed by the Thai Military command on the situation at the Thai-Kampuchean border Tuesday.

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## China's top men involved in rig scandal

By Michael Parks

PEKING —

When a \$25-million drilling platform sank in a storm last winter in the Gulf of Bohai, it took down with it the fortunes of one of the most powerful groups in Chinese politics — the so-called oil faction. The Petroleum Ministry, concerned about where the blame might fall, quickly proclaimed the Bohai tragedy a "revolutionary battle," and the 72 dead were declared "hero-martyrs."

Government officials lamented that such "a high tuition had to be paid" as the price of accelerating China's economic development. But this cover-up began to unravel under the persistent questioning of an independent-minded investigator and the complaints of the victims' relatives and co-workers in Tianjin, the headquarters for China's northern offshore oil exploration.

Moving the drill platform out into the gulf had been ordered despite worker objections that Bohai's blustery winter weather and the platform's poor state of repair made it unsafe to do so. The Petroleum Ministry in Peking, they were told, was insisting on year-round exploration for offshore oil to meet higher production targets.

As these facts emerged, Petroleum Minister Song Zhenming was found to have lied in his initial reports to his superiors and colleagues in the state council, covering up his subordinates' callous disregard for the workers' safety and his ministry's progress-at-any-price policies. Vice Premier Kang Shi'en, who was in overall charge of China's petroleum industry and was Song's predecessor and longtime patron, attempted to protect him, but failed.

As the scandal grew, other vice premiers and top Communist Party officials were soon involved. These were men who controlled not just the country's promising oil and gas reserves, which had been expected to finance its development efforts, but also the vital steel and chemical industries, most capital construction and central economic planning. Their power ran from the state council down through the central ministries to the provinces and even individual enterprises.

Now the fundamental issue was not worker safety or even moral rectitude in government, but nothing less than China's whole economic course, the philosophy and scope of its development program and, naturally, who would run it. After riding high for almost a decade, the oil faction found itself not just embattled, but also facing defeat by the rival "new economic group," which had secured the backing of Deng Xiaoping, the party's powerful vice chairman.

Song was the first casualty. He was "relieved of his responsibilities at his own request" last August after two and a half years as minister. Four of his subordinates directly implicated in the gulf disaster were jailed in Tianjin for up to four years for gross negligence.

Kang was publicly reprimanded by the state council for his role in the cover-up and stripped of most of his responsibilities. His principal ally, Hua Guofeng, the party chairman, was too busy fighting for his own political life to help after being forced

from the premiership.

Two more vice premiers, leading members of the oil faction, were shunted aside. Yu Qiuli lost the chairmanship of the State Planning Commission, one of the top economic posts, to Yao Yilin, a member of the new economic group, and became the chairman of the lesser State Energy Commission. Gu Mu, head of the Capital Construction Commission, was forced to give that job to a deputy, who ties with the new economic group go back more than 30 years.

The disaster gave the new economic group, whose differences with the oil faction had begun to emerge in early 1979, a dramatic issue with which to challenge their rivals' dominance of the Chinese economy.

The rig's capsizing in November 1979, was portrayed last autumn as the result of the same kind of "leftist thinking" that had prevailed in other ways during the cultural revolution and even earlier during the great leap forward.

Intent on a complete change in China's economic policies, including the scrapping of the long-term development plan the oil faction drew up three years ago, the new economic group pressed for a national discussion of the "goals of socialist construction."

Was not economic development aimed first and foremost at raising living standards? Asked the liberal economists who serve as the group's theoreticians. And did not this ambitious development plan continue the old, discredited policy of focusing on big-scale industrial expansion as the major force in development?

The debate is not all theoretical, for it involves

spending hundreds of billions of dollars. The price of the new iron and steel works outside Shanghai, for example, was estimated at \$14 billion overall, and it was one of 120 major projects.

The balance of power had shifted by last autumn. In his battles with Hua and other leaders who had risen by virtue of their Maoist politics during the cultural revolution, Deng had strengthened his alliance with Chen Yun, a veteran economist and administrator, who has taken on the job of overhauling the Chinese economy, and Chen's supporters in the new economic group had been promoted, one by one, to key government and party jobs.

The campaign had moved into high gear by late last year. One example of the mismanagement and bungling by the oil faction emerged after another. Oil and gas reserves had been grossly exaggerated, largely so subordinates could impress their superiors. As a result, costly pipelines were built to carry gas that did not exist, and petrochemical plants were purchased abroad to process oil that is not likely to be produced. Last year, oil, gas and coal production declined, and China has had to scrap most of its plans of financing its industrialization with energy exports.

Steel plants had been built, the Chinese press reported, without sufficient power to run them. The whole program, officials said, disclosing hitherto secret figures, required the reinvestment of more than a third of the income generated by Chinese industry and agriculture, a level that would further impoverish the average peasant and worker.

The gulf accident "exposed in a single instance the serious problems in the ideology and workstyle of the leadership of the Petroleum Ministry," the

official New China News Agency commented.

Most officials at the top of the oil faction are being forced out now. The style is more of a transition than a purge. Some of the ministers may not be replaced. Chun Yen, whose economic authority now clearly matches the political power of Deng Xiaoping, wants to dismantle the whole system of industrial ministries that China inherited from the Soviet Union and replace them gradually with a variety of state-owned but independently managed companies.

The first ministry to be broken up, according to one usually knowledgeable Chinese source, will be the Petroleum Ministry. The latest of the prominent oil faction casualties was the mayor of Peking, Lin Hujia who was closely associated with it while in the Central Planning Commission, then in Shanghai, later as mayor of Tianjin and for the past two years as the mayor of the Peking.

Although Lin arrived with orders to improve living conditions in Peking, his focus quickly became the expansion and modernization of the city's heavy industries. This brought him into conflict with the new economic group, which wants Peking beautified and turned into a center for science, culture and research, not packed with more polluting industry.

For many months, Lin was defended by vice premiers Kang, Gu and Yu, according to Chinese sources, and he in turn protected Yang, the vice minister of the chemical industry, from investigation on the corruption charges. Lin also helped Song, the petroleum minister, protect his driver, Li Bendong, when Li was accused of murdering a woman two years ago. —(LAT)

## BRITAIN AND PALESTINE

Reports from London indicate that Lord Carrington, Britain's foreign minister, will sometime soon invite Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to visit Britain. The significance of such a move has not escaped editorial writers in Fleet Street, as it marks a drastic shift in the British attitude to the question of the Middle East.

Britain, if and when the meeting between Carrington and Arafat takes place, will not be acting on its own. It is due to head the European Council for six months, starting from this coming July. During that time, two developments will provide a context for the meeting: The first is the return of Israel's Labor coalition to power, which is still the expected result of the forthcoming Israeli elections. The second is the new American administration's formulation of its line on the crisis.

The theory is that the British foreign minister will seek to persuade Arafat to modify the PLO's line on the question of the existence of Israel, while the Americans will try to bring the supposedly more amenable Israeli Labor government to recognize the PLO. Such mutual recognition, it is thought, will remove the major obstacles to a comprehensive settlement. This, at any rate, is the theory. How near it is to what will happen is far from certain. What is bitterly ironic in the part Britain appears to be taking on in the affair, is how neatly it complements its ill-starred Balfour Declaration, in which it gives a land it does not own to the Zionists. For this had led to the destruction of Palestine and the uprooting of its people. How a British minister wants to legitimize this originally illegitimate act by having the Palestinians themselves endorse it through recognizing the Zionist occupation which has been at the root of their suffering.

## Zimbabwe's hopes pinned on world aid

By Stephen Taylor

Robert Mugabe's brand of Marxism, never as robust since independence as many of his supporters would have liked, looks even more pallid as the framework emerges for the national development plan intended to transform every aspect of Zimbabwean society. The policy statement on the three-year plan, published recently, is a cautious document. It is designed to allay fears of nationalization in the white-dominated business sector and to satisfy potential donor countries from which Mugabe is hoping to attract the billions needed to fuel the plan.

The Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries said the document, entitled "Growth with Equity," was a pragmatic formula for expansion of a mixed economy and welcomed its recognition of the worth of private enterprise. But it is likely to test the patience of black workers, who are expecting a radical improvement in their conditions. The plan is a vivid example of the sort of compromise that has been forced on the government since it took office.

Chief among the influencing factors have been extensive foreign ownership in the economy, particularly in the mining industry, and South Africa's control of the most effective transport routes to and from the country. The government says that "a large degree" of national participation is essential

in foreign-owned businesses and that it plans to regulate the marketing of mining produce — but all changes will be accomplished through consultation.

The significance of import and export routes will be underlined in coming months when the time comes to export part of Zimbabwe's record maize harvest and bring in fertilizer for next year's crop. South Africa also has a large maize surplus and, as the Mozambican and Tanzanian ports are incapable of providing for Zimbabwe's needs, the harvest will be at the mercy of Pretoria.

Foreign aid is vital to the national plan. Without it, the government cannot achieve its aim of keeping white landowners happy while acquiring about 4.8 million acres of land, willingly sold, for redistribution among blacks. Zimbabwe has so far been deeply disappointed at the response of the international community, and Britain in particular, to its call for "a single massive injection of aid," that it says would overcome inequalities and set the nation on the road to prosperity.

The recent violence around Bulawayo will not have helped prospects for the approaching donors' conference, to which 45 countries and representatives of the EEC, IMF, OPEC and the World Bank have been invited.

In spite of Britain's own grave economic plight, a three-member parliamentary sub-committee left Zimbabwe after a 10-day stay with the message that

Britain will probably be the main contributor to the donor's conference. Britain has pledged \$200 million in loans and grants over three years.

Christopher Brocklebank-Powder, one member of the team, said Zimbabwe had the resources to become one of the most powerful countries in Africa and that it was in Britain's interests to help develop such potential. "If the (land) resettlement program is seen to succeed, it will help guarantee the stability of this very impressive government," he said.

Should the conference fail, the Zimbabwe government will have to consider compulsory acquisition of white-owned land, a move that would jeopardize the policy of national reconciliation and increase the already serious drain of white skills from the country. (ONS)

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## Saudi Arabian Press Review

In a lead story, *Al Riyadh* Monday reported that royal directives have been issued to provide opportunity for employees to continue work after the age of retirement, so long as the job calls for their service and they are capable of rendering it with efficiency. Some newspapers led with King Khaled's return to the capital, while others said that the Islamic Goodwill Committee was to study the replies of Iraq and Iran to the committee's proposals on the ceasefire between the two countries.

Newspapers frontpaged North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh's message to King Khaled, and British Defense Secretary John Nott's arrival in Riyadh for a three-day visit to the Kingdom. *Al Riyadh* said in a front-page story that the Arab League is likely to discuss the resumption of diplomatic ties between Egypt and Sudan.

Newspaper editorials generally discussed the role of the Arab League on its 36th anniversary. Some papers focused light on the mission of the goodwill committee, hoping that its next meeting would succeed in bringing an end of the armed conflict between Iraq and Iran. In an editorial, *Al Riyadh* observed that the Arab League has survived despite its internal problems and the problems of the Arabs.

During the past few years, the Arab League has emerged to new prominence, which provided it international confidence and eased internal tension, said the paper, adding that this kind of improvement is needed for the comprehensive development of its activities. The paper urged greater support for this Arab League to meet its political issues

of the Arabs and, also to maintain its relations with the international society.

On the same subject, *Al Jazirah* said the Arab League still provides hope for the future despite all its chaos in the administrative set-up. The paper emphasized the Arab League's role but said it would not be able to play its role successfully unless all its 20 member states give it powerful backing. Its past success and failure make it clear that its future has good things in store, the paper said, adding that only great nations make struggle and keep themselves ready to absorb all shocks.

Commenting on the goodwill committee, *Okaz* noted that the committee has exerted arduous efforts to bring an end to the war now raging between Iraq and Iran. The paper said it is a matter of regret that the two Islamic states should engage themselves in a bloody fighting at a time when the Islamic nation is called upon to mobilize all its forces for the confrontation of the enemies of Islam.

In an editorial, *Al Nadwa* expressed appreciation of the committee's efforts which, it said, has not lost hope for finding an acceptable solution to the bloody conflict. The paper referred to the committee's upcoming meeting in Jeddah to study the replies to its proposals from Iraq and Iran, and said it was hopeful that the committee's efforts would be crowned with success. The paper added that it appears from the statements of the Iranian President that the Iranian stance has begun to show a slight change — a matter that would help the committee to bring its mission to a successful finale.

*Al Yom* also referred to a "clear shift" in the Iranian position, and hoped that a day would come soon when both Iraq and Iran would feel that the continuation of the war is a big folly, as it would bring untold losses which both will be unable to bear. With this reality in view, the paper said, the Islamic Goodwill Committee did not give up its task, but is still working ceaselessly to stop bloodshed between the two Islamic states.

*Al Bilad* observed that the goodwill committee has emerged as a positive step taken by the Mecca Islamic summit conference. The paper said that, despite the great many hardships being faced by the committee, its continuous efforts and the Muslim leaders' conviction in its usefulness would provide a strong incentive for realizing the desired objectives.

On the other hand, *Al Madina* dealt with the colonialist plots against the Arab and Islamic world. It said that the main concern of the colonialist powers is to maintain chaos, so that the Arab and Islamic states continue to engage themselves in bloodshed and destruction and do not have time to make any constructive contribution toward human civilization. The paper condemned the Balfour Declaration which had resulted in the displacement of the people of Palestine and the occupation of Arab lands by the Zionists. It added that Israel is now busy in the creation of sectarian regions around it, with a view to providing self-protection from Palestinian commando attacks. The paper called upon Muslim leaders to realize the gravity of the situation and to strive to confront this strategy with great wisdom and farsightedness.



Cleanliness Week: Those who do this certainly need more than a week. Al Nadwa

# Bahrain: An island steeped in history

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first part of two articles on the past and present Bahrain. The second part will appear tomorrow.

By Jean Grant

MANAMA — Which was it? Was the island of Bahrain a necropolis, the largest prehistoric cemetery in the world, whose sole function was to receive corpses from the Arabian mainland for burial? Or was it the fabled lost civilization of Dilmun, eulogized in antiquity as holy, pure and clean, a land of sweet water and growing crops?

Seldom have two choices been so diametrically at odds. This mystery of prehistory still teases the tourist even though Geoffrey Bibby's excavations near the old Portuguese fort have proved Bahrain's link to Dilmun.

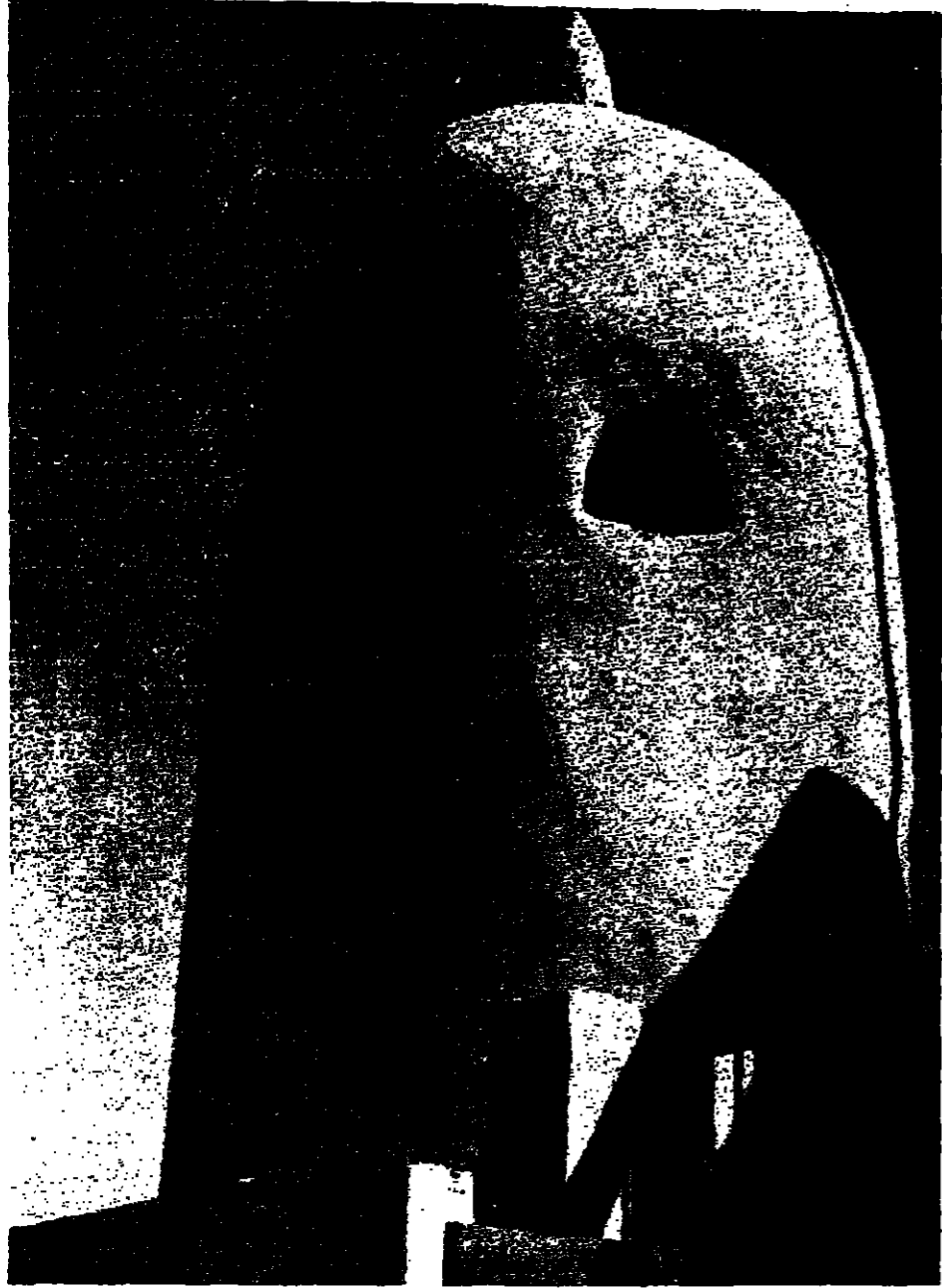
A ten-minute flight or 2½ hour dhow crossing takes you from Dhahran to Bahrain. Because the island is only 30 miles long and 12 miles wide, its ruins are easily accessible. The excavations showing the 7-city sequence of Dilmun at the tell near the Portuguese fort are less than 30 minutes' drive from central Manama. The museum too is closeby and houses such artifacts as a bronze bull's head, coins, and pottery.

Grave mounds near the town of Aali are only a half-hour outside the capital. Over 100,000 in number, they appear a natural part of the landscape, almost as if a giant toddler had set about building a cityscape of sand castles. Twenty are huge. These are the Royal Graves. Bibby describes his first sight of them this way: "On both sides of the road were groups of small round gravel hillocks, six to ten feet in height and very neatly circular. They grew more numerous. And larger. And closer together. Soon they began to blot out the horizon. In front and behind, to right and to left, there was now nothing to be seen but mounds, some of them up to 20 feet high."

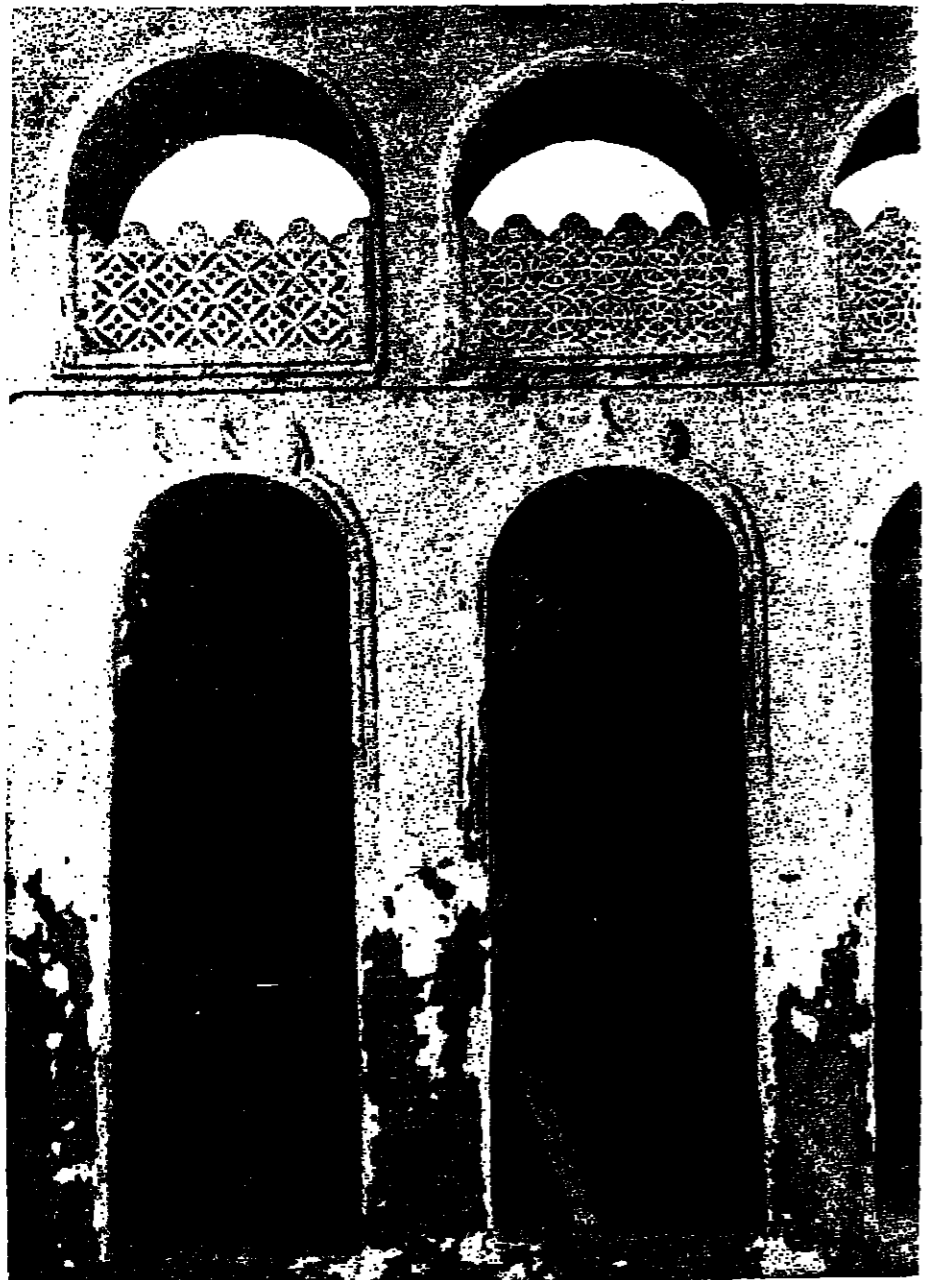
One burial mound is used by local potters as their kiln. Inside water jugs, piggy banks, and fishing net weights are neatly shelved.



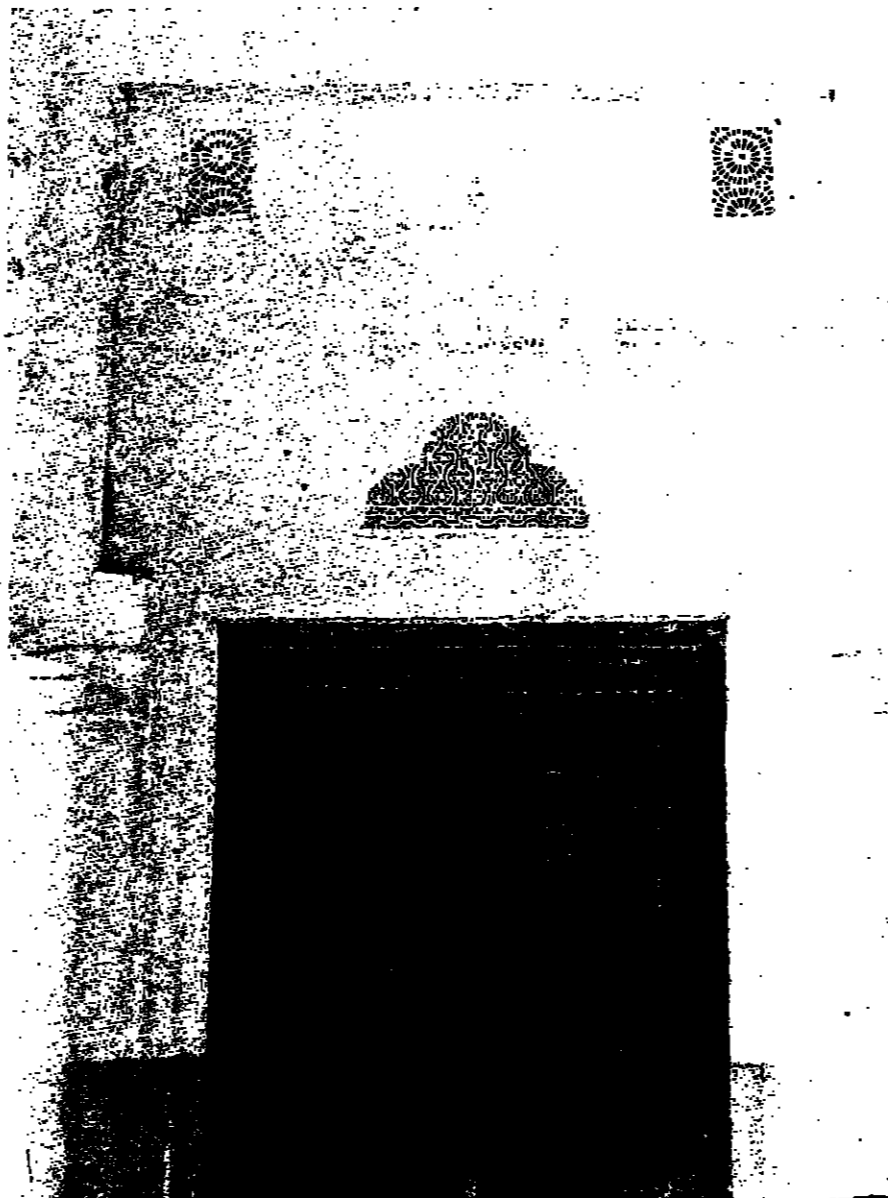
MOUNDS: Near the capital city of Manama is the town of Aali where there are 100,000 grave mounds. They appear as if they are a part of the natural surroundings. Among them are 20 royal graves. At left is a royal mound and on the right is the new mosque of the town.



CIVILIZATION: The prehistoric civilization of Dilmun, praised as a land of sweet water and growing crops, had flourished on the island of Bahrain. Tourists can see the ruins of the civilization. The picture shows the minaret of the Wooden Mosque in Muharraq, which was once the scene of pearling trade.



MOSQUE: The Wooden Mosque in Muharraq is known for the beauty of its carved wood doors and inner courtyard facade.



ARCHITECTURE: Some of the ruined buildings were being restored. In one of the restored buildings (above) gypsum work, the finely carved doors and Islamic architecture can be seen.



SITE: Sabhiya is the site of the desert palace of Sheikh Hamad al-Khalifa, the grandfather of the present ruler. The picture is the abandoned palace.

The pots are made for local as well as tourist purchase. Excavated graves all show signs of looting by thieves. "Since the causeway from the Saudi Arabian mainland is to end near the cemetery," a guide from *Bahrain Explored* said, "archeologists hope that permission will be given to excavate some more of them and perhaps more discoveries will be made."

Although many new mosques are being built on Bahrain to commemorate the beginning of the new Islamic century, none can rival the famous Suq al-Khamis Mosque. Built in the 10th century with its twin minarets added in the 14th century, Bahrain claims it to be the oldest mosque in the Gulf.

On Muharraq is a noteworthy smaller mosque, called the Wooden Mosque in tribute to the beauty of its carved wood doors and inner courtyard facade.

The more recent ruins of Bahrain more immediately suggest grandeur gone to dilapidation. The tall mansions of Muharraq Island which belonged to the great pearling merchants now stand empty and still. Subterra-

nean springs keep the grounds green albeit overgrown with weeds and the coconut palms still tower over derelict dwellings.

These summerhouses of the rich and powerful were abandoned in the thirties when the Japanese cultured pearl — still forbidden on this island — doomed Bahrain's pearling trade. Although the export of oil later gave these families a new lease on wealth and power, they never returned to unshutter their grand old homes. Fortunately one of these, Bet Siadi, has been restored by the government. Its crenellations, extensive mashrabiya, and Shirazi door recall to the passerby the architectural achievements of the past.

Nearby in an Al-Khalifa Palace, an artisan and his young apprentice are making gypsum plaster wall decorations — with myriad small holes which catch the play of light. There are roof beams the color of ox-blood and a wind-tower, the standard Gulf cooling device before electricity made possible the fan and A.C. If you mount the stone steps to the harem and pause by the wind tower's

opening there, you can overhear the conversation below as perhaps did the secluded women of the royal household long ago.

"On the death of a ruler," the tourist guide explained, "his palace was shut." Sabhiya is the site of the desert palace of Sheikh Hamad al-Khalifa, the grandfather of the present ruler. A couple of sentries sit on guard, their rifles cradled on their laps. Nothing stirs in the complex of abandoned buildings erected in 1970. Sand slopes down over the steps of one building; in another the tiles with still-bright mosaics are cracked. The stuffing spills out of a mattress lying on a porch beneath an exquisitely sculpted ceiling. No one but the odd tourist passes by to admire the mashrabiyye balconies of the harem, the ceilings and carved doors. A vintage car lies abandoned outside. Its fender and windshield are gone, its tires sagging. The ruins of bronze age man have not such power to remind one of mortality as do the abandoned mansions of the great pearling families and palaces of Al-Khalifas.

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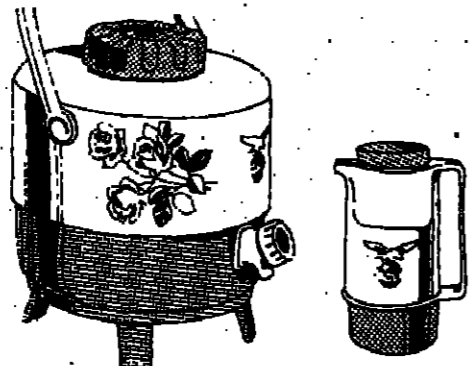
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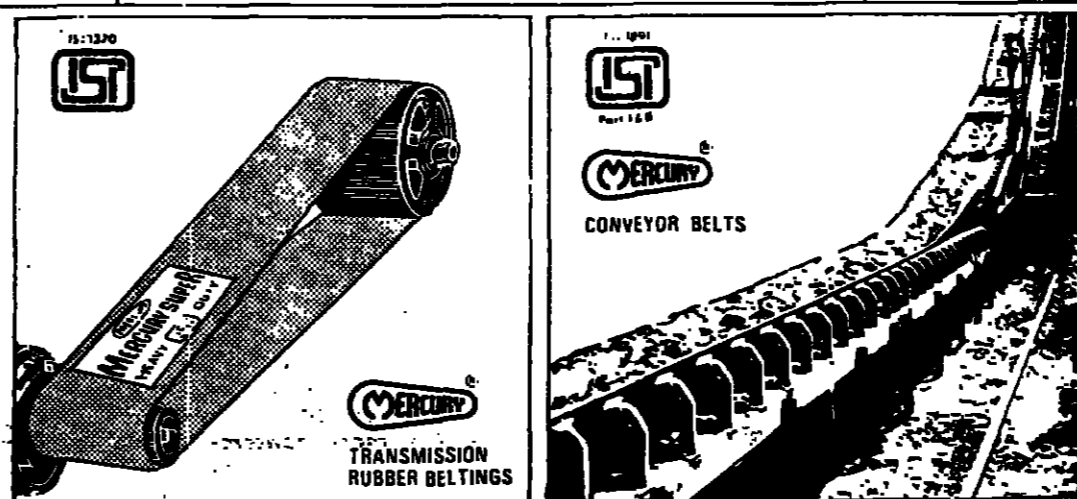
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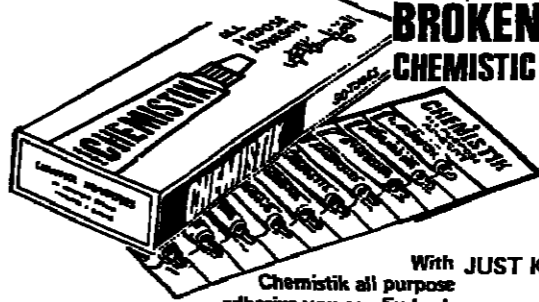
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UAE Petroleum Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba and OAPEC Secretary-General Ali Atiga signed the agreement Sunday which is to be ratified in a month's time.

An OAPEC spokesman said \$4 million had already been paid toward the capital of the Abu-Dhabi based company, which will be owned by the national oil companies of the OAPEC-member states as well as the OAPEC-sponsored Arab Petroleum Investment Company.

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Syria, Algeria, Iraq and Libya are members of OAPEC, which was formed more than 10 years ago. Oteiba said at the signing ceremony the company would play an important role in the transfer of technology from industrialized countries to the Arab world. Atiga said the company would depend entirely on Arab expertise.

## China increases oil price by \$3

TOKYO, March 23 (AP) — China has raised the price of its crude oil more than \$3 per barrel, to \$37.15, retroactive to January. Japanese petroleum industry sources said Monday.

The new price was set in negotiations between Japan and China in Peking last Wednesday, and it will apply to Chinese crude oil shipped to Japan in the January-March period, the sources said.

China earlier said it would increase the price to \$37.80 per barrel but lowered the price of an estimated 15 million tons of crude oil it will ship to Japan this quarter to \$37.15 per barrel.

China agreed to reduce its price after importers, including the International Oil Trading Company, said it was too high compared with the cost of similar quality crude Japan bought from other sources. China has told Japanese importers it will supply them with 57.5 million barrels of crude this year, about three per cent of Japan's total imports.

Last year, Japan imported 9.17 million kiloliters (57.6 million barrels) of Chinese oil, about 3.6 per cent of its total oil imports.

## Iran plans to build six million new houses

TEHRAN, March 23 (AFP) — At least six million new residences will be built during the next ten years in Iran, Housing Minister Muhammad Shaab Gonabadi, has said. He said Sunday that the homes would be mostly built near "production centers, in villages and probably in small towns." He said parliament would soon discuss nationalizing urban building sites as measure intended to aid urban construction.

## Belgium to cut public spending by \$1 billion

BRUSSELS, March 23, (R) — The Belgian government, after a cabinet meeting lasting into the early hours of the morning, has agreed to slash public spending, limit government staff, and fight tax evasion to reduce its large budget deficit.

The cabinet also decided on a domestic loan issue, which political sources said was aimed to raise up to 100 billion francs (\$3 billion) and channel back Belgian money invested abroad tax-free.

The cabinet made the decisions after tough bargaining between ministers which forced Prime Minister Wilfried Martens to delay until Monday morning his departure to The Netherlands for the European Common Market (EEC) summit meeting at Maastricht.

Martens said the government was slashing public spending by 33 billion Belgian francs (\$1 billion) this year and planning budget reductions of 100 billion francs (\$3 billion) over three years. He said the measures would reduce the planned 1981 budget deficit to 120 billion francs (\$3.4 billion).

## Capturing U.S. markets

### Focus on what makes Japan click

NEW YORK, March 23 (AFP) — The success of Japan's drive to break into the United States car market is due to "cultural traits as old as Japan itself," Time magazine says in its cover story this week.

The magazine details the following characteristics on the breakthrough, which has seen Japanese auto imports into the U.S. reach 6,000 daily. The ability to seek out and improve old ideas and techniques. The ability to win agreements: "From the smallest upstart enterprise to the largest multi-billion dollar multi-national, nothing gets done until the people involved agree," Time says.

The ability to see far ahead and sacrifice short-term benefits for long-term objectives. The ability to produce quality goods: "When the Japanese characteristics are brought into the modern factory, the result is a smoothly functioning enterprise that produces quality goods," the magazine says.

"This is most clearly seen in the easy working relationship of management and labor. Japan has fewer strikes and less labor unrest than any other major industrial power."

The ability to adapt to competition. Time magazine also singles out the harmonious

workers-boss relations in Japan, and deplores the simplistic American concept of liberty and freedom.

It says: "Americans are reared with a commitment to individual liberty and freedom. But the U.S. was forged in a frontier-spirit of cooperation and collective enterprise that was a simple an forthright as a barn-rising..." It has taken a successful country on the rim of Asia to remind the U.S. that teamwork, however it is organized, is still the prerogative for a prosperous society.

## BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Britons are eating more sausages than ever before and there is no sign of the boom ending thanks to the recession, industry sources said. In the last six months, consumption has risen by 600 million, to reach about 6,600 million sausages.

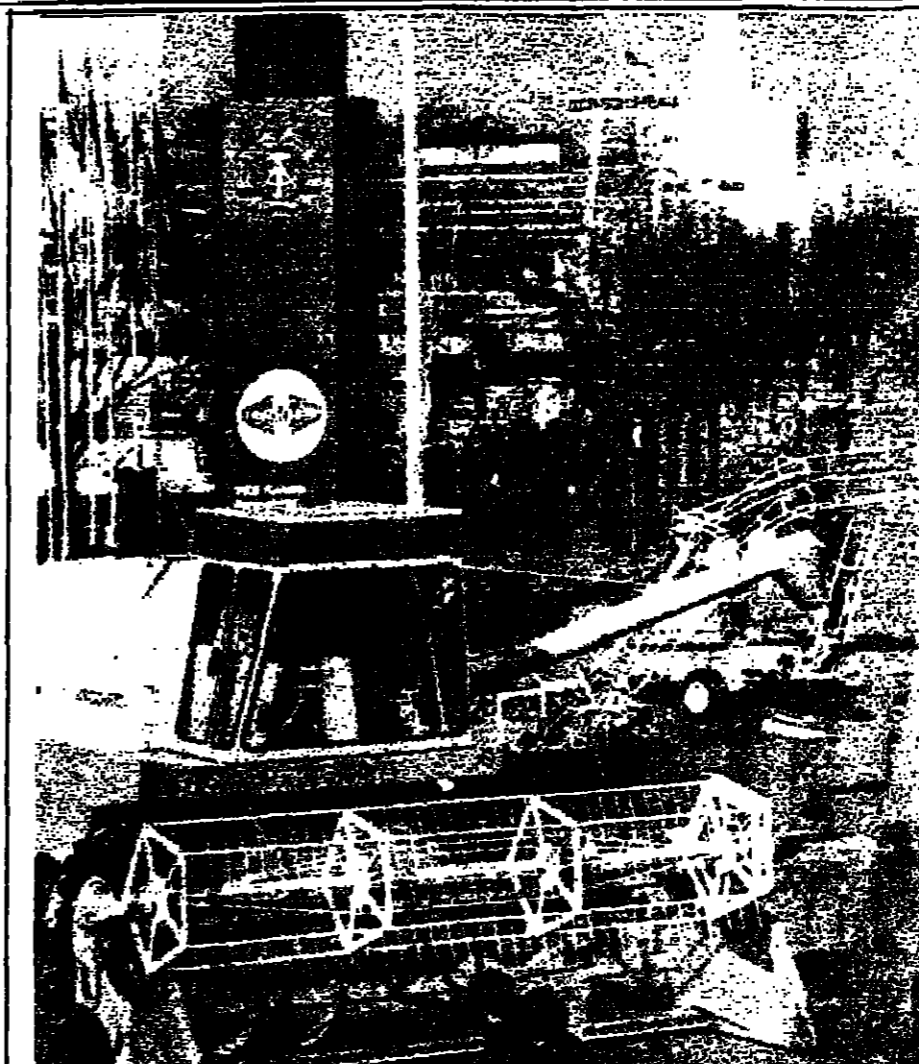
MUSCAT, (AFP) — A delegation of 13 Japanese irrigation experts as well as other farming specialists have arrived in Oman for a 45-day visit. The delegation is to examine agricultural potential in Ruwi and other regions, sources said.

DAMASCUS, (AFP) — Syria has sold the Soviet Union 500 tons of cigarettes for \$5.5 million (33.5 million Syrian pounds), Syrian officials have said here the contract signed Saturday was won by a factory in Latakia in north west Syria with output of 10 tons of cigarettes a day.

LE HAVRE, France (AFP) — The British company Commodore-European Line has opened up a new weekly container service between Dublin and Le Havre. The German ship *Bolivia*, able to take 150 containers, will be used on this service. The same company serves Portsmouth, Lisbon, Bilbao.

BRUSSELS, (AP) — Unemployment in the 10 European Common Market countries hit another post World War II high in February with 8.5 million people without jobs, according to figures released. The overall percentage of jobless remained at 7.6 per cent, but the statistics showed 23,000 more people were jobless in February than in January.

LONDON, (AFP) — British Aluminium, the country's largest producer, has announced it was closing its mill at Resolven, Wales, and cutting back production at the Falkirk, Scotland, mill.



SPRING FAIR: Agricultural machines on display at Leipzig spring fair held recently in East Germany. The wide variety of machines included those for soil cultivation, animal husbandry, corn production and processing.

## To fight inflation

### Italy imposes new curbs

ROME, March 23, (R) — Italy devalued the lira by six per cent and announced harsh new credit curbs Sunday night in a move to cut inflation and the soaring balance of payments deficit.

But the four-party coalition led by Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani put off detailed decisions on other economic austerity measures until a cabinet meeting later this week. A statement after more than three hours of emergency cabinet talks said the government would draft bills to provide aid for the ailing steel industry, state industries and exports.

It called for parliament, trade unions, industry and the public to support efforts to control public sector wages and hold down spending. The government also planned cuts in welfare payments and regional and public health spending, it said. The six per cent lira

### Hong Kong's economy makes rapid strides

HONG KONG, March 23 (AFP) — Hong Kong will be among the top performing Asian economies this year with gross domestic product increasing by between eight and nine per cent in the first half of next year, the Bank of America has said.

Its report said little changes inflation could be expected this year due to the high level of economic activity in this British colony. Assuming the Hong Kong dollar strengthens and global inflation moderates, the increase rate in consumer prices might drop to 10 to 12 per cent during the first half of next year, the report added.

On foreign investment, the bank predicted that the amount going into manufacturing would fall in real terms as a result of various difficulties that also threatened the viability of domestic investments in manufacturing.

## Bonn to discuss help to Poland with allies

BONN, March 23 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has said he would discuss the question of financial help for Poland with the West allies.

Genscher, who returned from a visit to Warsaw last Friday, said in a television interview Sunday he believed that East and West Germany and Poland itself would be the losers if the Poles failed to survive their current crisis.

He told West German television a settlement in Poland would be a blow for the East-relationship as a whole. He said West Germany could not itself provide the economic help required by Poland.

"This is a question for all the West states, whether they are fully aware of it or not," Genscher said. "We want to talk to partners about this."

## Iraq may hike oil fee payments to Turkey

ANKARA, March 23, (R) — In expected to agree to a substantial increase in the fee paid to Turkey for oil passing through the pipeline to Turkey's Mediterranean coast, government sources have said.

They said there has been a tentative agreement for an increase from 38 cents about \$1 per barrel of oil passing along 980 km (600 mile) pipeline from Iraq's Kirkuk oil field. This would be settled in a deal between Iraqi officials and a team led by Turkish Energy Minister Serbutun Bin starting in Baghdad Monday, the source said. Bingol has left for the Iraqi capital. If Turkey's biggest oil supplier, has agreed to provide 8.5 million tons of Turkey's energy needs this year, it needs this year.

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Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.2
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French Franc (100)	69.00	69.00	68.2
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Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.4
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Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.50	33.4
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Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.2
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	85.00	84.0
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	71.0
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.0
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.0
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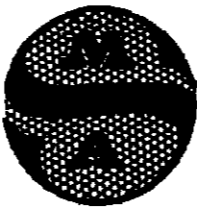
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**Stockman defends budget**

**Fed chief discounts fear of recession**

WASHINGTON, March 23 (R) — The head of the U.S. central bank has said he did not believe the American economy was moving towards a recession despite the recent string of discouraging government economic reports.

At the same time, the chief architect of President Reagan's economic program said Sunday it would be unacceptable for only three quarters of the plan to get through. Budget Director David Stockman told ABC's "Issues and Answers" TV program that passage of the entire package of steep tax and budget cuts was essential to restore U.S. economic vitality.

On the CBS program "Face the Nation," Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker acknowledged: "There are forces in the economy that do not show great strength at the moment." Economic statistics released last week revealed new housing construction fell by the largest percentage in 21 years in February, while factory output declined for the first time in seven months. In the past, these indicators have tended to foreshadow the future movement of the overall economy.

But when asked if a recession was imminent, Volcker said: "No. I think that would be premature."

Conceding that some negative economic growth was possible later this year, Volcker said he did not think the recent slowdown in the economy posed a very serious problem. He predicted the central bank's policy of steadily reducing the growth of the money supply would help to bring down inflation over the long term.

But Volcker said predictions that the

Reagan program would be able to cut three percentage points off the United States' underlying inflation rate of 10 per cent were highly optimistic. Volcker said the central bank and other government agencies had programs to help prevent U.S. savings institutions from going bankrupt in the face of high interest rates and tight money policy.

"Their stability will be protected," he said. But when asked if there should be similar protection for other industries sensitive to interest rates, such as car manufacturing, Volcker said: "We cannot have a safety net for everybody."

He said a large part of the car industry's problems had been self-induced because it had allowed labor costs to spiral in recent years. Meanwhile, Stockman defended the administration's tax and budget cutting programs and the economic assumptions on which they are based.

A recent Congressional study suggested the president's plan would fall far short of its economic goals. But Stockman disputed the study, saying: "It assumes the economy is permanently ill and there is no medication whatsoever that can cure things."

He said the administration rejected this, adding: "We believe there is nothing fundamentally wrong with our business and our workers." Recently, House Budget Committee chairman James Jones predicted that 75 per cent of Reagan's program for the financial year beginning Oct. 1 would be enacted by Congress. But Stockman said: "I don't think that that would be acceptable at all...the entire package is vital to turn around the economy."

**Hit by economic zones**

**Japan's fishing industry fights for survival**

TOKYO, March 23 (R) — The on-coming Japanese fishing industry is fighting for survival following the imposition of 200-mile economic zones by many countries and increasing fuel costs.

During the past five years annual catches by Japanese fishermen have dropped from 3.2 million tons to about two million, while imports have risen from 710,000 tons to more than a million. Fish and other marine products account for about 50 per cent of the average Japanese person's intake of protein.

Apart from the imposition of economic zones, in which a country claims sole rights to its offshore economic resources, Japanese fishermen, who travel as far away as southern Africa and the Atlantic, have been hit by rising fuel prices. Fuel now accounts for about 40 per cent of a fishing boat's operating cost, compared to only 10 per cent three

years ago.

Because of this, and intense competition among vessels, there are few Japanese vessels operating at a profit according to an official of the Japan Federation of Tuna Fishery Cooperative Associations.

"With few exceptions, our 1,000 or so registered Bonito and Tuna ships are running deficits totaling some 40 million yen (\$150,000) to 150 million (\$725,000) through operations lasting about one-and-a-half years," he said. "They are operating only with the hope of higher market prices for their catches, knowing full well that such increases will not come easily," he added.

The federation plans to lay off about 20 per cent of its vessels to help make its overall operation viable. The government has earmarked about one billion yen (\$4.8 million) in its fiscal 1981 budget to help implement

**Fishing row may dominate EEC summit**

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands, March 23 (R) — Arguments over fish and steel policies which threaten the unity of the 10-nation European Common Market (EEC) are expected to dominate a summit meeting of EEC heads of government which opens Monday.

Efforts to resolve the two disputes went on late Sunday night in various countries, but there was no indication that progress had been made, conference sources said. Officials of the Dutch government, which is playing host to the two-day meeting in this south-eastern city, said there was a widespread concern within the community that failure to settle the two issues could lead to EEC leaders accusing each other of subordinating European unity to selfish national interests.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is expected to protest to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher about Britain's blocking of a fishing agreement between the EEC and Canada, the Dutch officials said. The British move is stopping German deep sea fishermen from making lucrative catches of cod off the Canadian coast.

The EEC's 12 main steel manufacturers ended three days of inconclusive talks in Luxembourg late Sunday night about voluntary production curbs to stabilize the West European steel market, badly hit by falling demand, industry sources said. The talks will resume next weekend. Mandatory production cuts imposed by the EEC commission have not solved the problem.

West Germany is angry that some EEC countries — particularly Belgium and Italy — have paid heavy state subsidies to loss-making firms.

the program.

The Fishing Agency in Tokyo said Japanese fishermen operate inside the economic zones of about 60 countries, for which member vessels of the Tuna federation pay a total of about three billion yen (\$14.5 million) annually.

The U.S. 200-mile zone is Japan's most important fishing ground, and last year some 400 vessels caught more than one million tons of Alaskan pollack, flat fish, salmon, trout and crab three. Apart from further restrictions and regulations expected to be introduced by many countries, Japanese fishermen said that environmentalists are giving them a difficult time.

There is a campaign in the United States to stop Japanese from fishing for Salmon and trout inside the U.S. zone

**Unrest predicted in Communist countries**

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — Strikes and violence in eastern Europe are predicted by representative Henry S. Reuss, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee in the U.S. Congress, unless Communist governments meet popular demand for more of the good things in life.

Poland, Reuss said, is only the most obvious case. "A similar situation of great danger could develop in the region any time in the next few years," he added in a comment on a report released Sunday. Reuss, a Wisconsin Democrat, comes from an old German family in Milwaukee, a traditional center of German life in the United States. He served in the U.S. military government in West Germany after World War II and was one of the top lawyers for the Marshall plan which helped bring Western Europe's economic recovery.

His statements were made in connection with a two-year study of Eastern Europe, directed by his committee and the library of Congress. The section on Poland was by Richard Davies, who was U.S. ambassador there until 1978. "The mentality of the East European communist leaders most resembles that of robber barons of the late 19th and early 20th centuries," Davies wrote.

In his view, those "robber barons" — industrialists in Western countries — did not want bloodshed and neither do today's East European leaders. But he finds in both a willingness to have workers shot down if they fail to obey orders that their bosses see as designed for the workers' own good.

Reuss said: "The entire region of Eastern Europe is poised on a steep cliff of economic peril. Poland is the most obvious case of economic crisis, but its neighbors in the Soviet bloc could easily fall into similar circumstances." As the Soviet Union reduces its energy rations to Eastern Europe, and as its ability to provide assistance to the region declines because of its own economic problems, sharp slowdowns in economic growth will likely be experienced in such countries as Romania, Hungary and East Germany." A

"chairman's overview" of the first, 658-page volume of the study made these comments about the area: "Poland in 1980-1 is in a perilous balance-of-payments situation with Western creditors. Official U.S. Exim-bank and agricultural credits, as well as substantial U.S., private bank credits, are among the major Polish commitments. Resolving the Polish balance-of-payments crisis is essential to the success of all other economic programs."

Yugoslavia: "Substantial Western loans will probably be necessary to tide the Yugoslav economy over. If there is political instability, economic performance may become even more important."

Romania: "The independence of the Soviet Union sometimes shown by Romania is fragile. It relies partly on expanding relations with the United States and other Western countries. There may be cause for U.S. concern if economic issues dictate a change in

**Facing economic crisis**

**Unrest predicted in Communist countries**

Romanian policy.

East Germany: The existence of the Berlin wall and the presence of East German advisers in the Middle East and Africa limit relations between East Germany and the United States. So do East German balance-of-payments problems and relations with West Germany.

Czechoslovakia: The Soviet invasion of 1968 and Soviet constraints on Czech policy

loom large.

Hungary: "With the United States-Hungarian trade agreement, improved relations are high on our current agendas."

Bulgaria: "Pressure for modernization and consumerism, especially if accompanied by change in the terms of relations with the U.S.S.R., could lead to a more dynamic Bulgarian-Western relationship."

**World of Economy and Trade**

By the Economic Editor's Pen

In this time of conflicting economic currents, the Investor is unsure how, and where, to invest his capital and, especially at a time when Gold and Silver disappointed the hopes of many Investors as Gold reached one of its highest peaks of US dollar 890 per ounce. Eight months earlier it was US dollar 460 per ounce. Then it started to go up but suddenly it dropped down, then again started to climb. It is still rising and falling and at this time of conflict many Investors turned to currencies related to the US dollar, but the dollar itself was unstable. The winds of these confusions affected the Deutschemark and the French Franc and made the Investors uneasy.

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# Bahrain routed by Qatar

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 23 — Bahrain's hopes of top honors in the Asian Group Two World Cup Soccer qualifying tournament here were badly hit when they crashed 3-0 to a well organized and persistent Qatar team, Sunday.

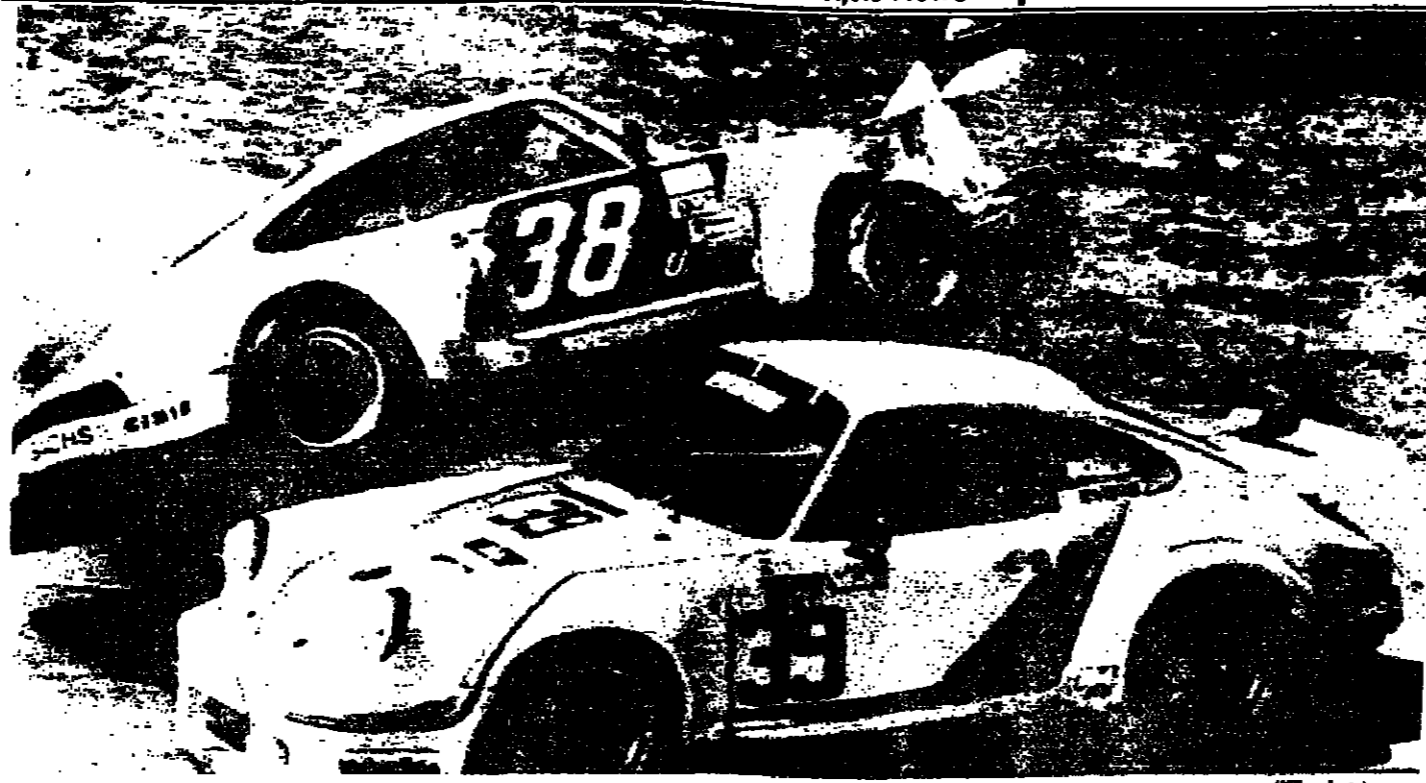
In a game marked by an unusual heavy rainfall which caused players to continually lose their balance and control, both teams played clean, fast football, in clear contrast to Saturday's Saudi Arabia-Iraq match which saw three bookings and one sending-off.

Both teams started well, attacking each other's goal and in the 16th minute, Muhammad Mattar missed an easy chance to put Bahrain into the lead. Taking the ball down the right wing, he cut past the Qatar keeper, Muhammad Wafa, only to see his shot hit the post and roll untouched across the front of the empty goal.

Qatar responded by increasing the pressure on the Bahrain goal, and were rewarded in the 20th minute, when a poor back pass by defender Muhammad Sultan was intercepted by Mansour Miftah and steered round the helpless Bahrain keeper, Mahmoud Sultan. A second goal by Khaled Salman in the 35th minute allowed Qatar to start the second half in a confident mood and Sultan was called on to make several fine saves in the opening minutes.

As the Qatar pressure continued, the Bahrain play began to deteriorate and a third goal in the 64th minute finished off any possibility of a Bahrain comeback. Miftah again found himself clear with only the keeper to beat, and made no mistake.

Bahrain must have been confident after their 1-0 victory against Syria last Thursday



NO GREAT HEIGHTS: Ron Case's car (No. 38) rests on top of Chip Mead's car as the two skidded while negotiating a hairpin turn during the 12 hours of Sebring Endurance Race Saturday.

## In Sebring Endurance Race

# Hurley Haywood's team triumphs

SEBRING, Florida, March 23 (AP) — The team of Hurley Haywood, Brian Leven and Al Holburt cruised into the lead with less than two hours left in the 12 hours of Sebring Endurance Race Saturday night and went on to win the 29th running of America's most tradition-rich sports car event.

Holburt wrested the lead away from the runner up team of Ralph Kent Cooke and Roy Woods into the 10th hour and Haywood, who won Sebring in 1973 and claimed the Daytona 24 hours and Lemans 24 hours in 1977, took over the wheel of the Porsche 935 for the final 65 minutes of the race.

Haywood's team completed 245 laps around the 5.2 mile (8.3 km) Sebring course and finished nearly four laps ahead of the

Cooke-Woods team. Milt Minter, Marty Hinze and Bill Whittington were third, another two laps back. The average speed for the winning team was 106,004 mph.

Defending champion John Fitzpatrick, who started from the pole position went out of the race with a broken gear box just after six hours.

The Haywood team had plenty of problems with the winning car during the day. An electrical failure slowed the car in the early hours and later the team had to replace brake pads twice and the car's front end once after it was damaged when tipped by another spinning auto.

Minter and Hinze received help from Whittington for the final five hours after

Whittington's car bowed out with mechanical problems. The team led briefly despite clutch problems and a cracked header.

The Cooke Woods team led at the midway point and also led after the seventh, eighth and ninth hours. Chuck Kendall and Pete Smith, in a Porsche Carrera, finished fifth overall and first in the GTO competition, while Mueller and Walt Bohren were ninth overall and first in the GTU class.

Among the top contenders sidelined early in the race were Ted Field and Danny Ongais, who went out in the first 10 laps, John Paul and John Paul, Jr., who was forced out by engine problems on the 10th lap, and Bill and Don Whittington, who gave up on the 43rd lap because of engine trouble.

## Hailwood critical

BIRMINGHAM, England, March 23 (AP) — World motorcycle champion Mike Hailwood of Britain was in critical condition Sunday following an auto accident that killed his 9-year-old daughter, authorities said.

A hospital bulletin said Hailwood was in critical condition. His wife, Pauline, was at his bedside the spokesman said.

Authorities said Hailwood was taking his daughter Michelle, 9, and his son David, 6, out for something to eat when his car slammed into the rear of a truck. The daughter was killed and the son received minor injuries. Two occupants of the truck were uninjured.

# Zico nets all three as Brazil qualifies

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 23 (R) — Brazil, three times world champions, claimed a place in the finals of the World Soccer Cup in 1982 by beating Bolivia 3-1 Sunday and winning the South American qualifying Group One.

They are the first country to win through to join Spain, the host country, and holders Argentina in the finals.

The Bolivians had little to offer but packed defense and the match was only redeemed by some brilliant saves from their goalkeeper Jimenez and a hat-trick from Brazil's star Zico.

The 121,773 people packed into Rio de Janeiro's massive Maracana Stadium were not impressed by much of their team's play, but Zico's goals delighted them — he plays for the top Rio club Flamengo and is a local hero.

The fact that one was a penalty, one from a free kick and the third rebounded into the net off a defender's head did nothing to diminish the drumming, flag-waving and fireworks.

Bolivia came down from the Andes apparently aiming to avoid a thrashing. In this they succeeded, with Aragonés notching up a penalty in reply.

Brazil, champions in 1958, 1962 and 1970, have never yet failed to reach the World Cup finals. This year's qualifying campaign — against Venezuela and Bolivia — did not really test their abilities.

They made heavy weather of the task,

however, beating Venezuela 1-0 with a goal in Caracas, Bolivia 2-1 in La Paz, Sunday's victory. They still have one match play, against Venezuela in Brazil next day, but they are already assured of qualifying.

Brazil started off confidently. Jimenez soon put to work but minutes after save from Tita, Zico and Eder in quick succession he ironically was responsible for the first goal.

Reinaldo got loose in the penalty area the Bolivian goalkeeper, rushing out, him flying. Zico converted the penalty. B then slackened off and only in the later stages showed the same form in patches.

Zico's second goal, in the 63rd minute came from an error by Bolivian defender Espinoza, who miskicked a cross. Eder entered the ball against the bar and scored from the rebound, his unstoppable shot ricocheting off a desperate defender's head.

Bolivia struck back almost immediately with a penalty after Junior brought a defender Trigo. Waldir Peres earned him a roar of applause by saving Aragonés' attempt, but the kick was retaken, amid loud Brazilian protests.

Five minutes from the end Zico produced the best of his goals. Brought down just inside the Bolivian area, he stepped up to the perfect free kick over the defensive and into the top corner of Jimenez' net.

# Hungarian leads the field

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 23 (AP) — Hungarian Tamas Szombathelyi and Czechoslovakia's Jan Zartu earned perfect scores in the first two events and led the individual standings after two days of the U.S. Invitational Modern Pentathlon competition at the U.S. Army's Fort Sam Houston here.

In the women's competition, Sweden's Agneta Lekander led three competitors with perfect scores of 1,100 in Sunday's equestrian event but West German Rosita Kirsch had the highest two-day point total, with 2,042, to lead her team into first place with 5,822. Eight women earned perfect riding scores Sunday, but Lekander posted the fastest time around the 17-obstacle course, 1:21.53.

Both the men and the women will compete Monday in swimming, the third event of the five-day competition. The men will swim for 300 meters, the women for 200.

Szombathelyi earned 1,000 points in the fencing Sunday to go with the 1,100 points he earned from Saturday's equestrian competition, helping Hungary take the men's team lead after the first two rounds with 6,155 total points.

Poland stood second at 5,940, the United States was third at 5,918. France's 5,668 was

good for fourth and Sweden was fifth with 5,642.

Other team standings found Italy sixth with 5,587, Czechoslovakia seventh with 5,522, points, Great Britain eighth at 5,522, and the USA second team with 5,484. Australia was 10th at 5,189 and Canada stood 11th with 4,806.

In the women's team standings, Great Britain was second with 5,785 points, the United States was third at 5,776, Sweden fourth with 5,708 and the U.S. second team was fifth with 5,056. There are only five full teams entered in the women's bracket.

Individually, Szombathelyi stood tied with Czech Jan Bartu with the maximum 2,000 points. Szombathelyi, Bartu and Ma Bajur of Poland all earned the maximum 1,000 points in men's fencing Sunday. Szombathelyi won a fence-off, after a marathon, day-long series of individual matches, to win the top prize.

The leading United States competitor Bob Nieman, the 1979 world champion, tied with Joel Bouzou of France for fourth place at 2,047.

In sixth place was Atrila Csaszari of Hungary, with 2,031. Lajos Dobi, at 2,024, was seventh.

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# Erving helps 76ers again top berth

W YORK, March 23 (AP) — The Boston Celtics not only suffered their ninth consecutive setback Sunday when they lost 104-107 to the Philadelphia 76ers, but also fell 4 to 1 in the National Basketball Association's Atlantic Division.

Erving's 24 points helped Philadelphia regain first place by a half game in what suddenly became a seesaw stretch struggle here was a great feeling," Erving said, as an impressive victory for this last part of season and I hope it sets the stage for next game against Boston."

Elsewhere, the Houston Rockets downed Kansas City Kings 114-108, the San Antonio Spurs defeated the San Diego Clippers 107-99, the Los Angeles Lakers nipped Golden State Warriors 120-118, the Los Angeles Bulls beat the Detroit Pistons 109-100, the Indiana Pacers held off the Cleveland Cavaliers 107-101, the Milwaukee Bucks trimmed the New Jersey Nets 125-107, the Phoenix Suns welcomed the Seattle Sonics 107-91, the Denver Nuggets got the Utah Jazz 113-108 and the Washington Bullets whipped the Atlanta Braves 121-101.

Erving scored eight of his points and Jones 11 as the 76ers drew away after 16 minutes pulled within 88-79 in the first two minutes of the fourth period. The 76ers won the first five points, never trailed and won 20 a couple of times.

Malone scored a game-high 32 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to power the victory. The victory pulled the Rockets into

a second-place tie with the Kings in the Midwest Division. Malone, the league's top rebounder and second-leading scorer, reeled off 11 straight points to rally the Celtics from a 10-point second-quarter deficit.

George Gervin scored 29 points as San Antonio virtually killed the Clippers' hopes of gaining the playoffs. San Antonio never trailed after Gervin canned a 13-foot jump shot with 9:32 left in the first quarter, but the Spurs had to withstand three rallies by the Clippers.

Magic Johnson's driving basket with one second remaining gave Los Angeles a come-from-behind victory. Los Angeles trailed 93-76 after eight minutes of the third quarter and was down 99-89 entering the final period. The Lakers went ahead for the first time in the second half 114-112 on a shot by Johnson with 2:09 remaining.

David Greenwood scored 23 points to lead Chicago to its fifth consecutive victory and 10th in their last 12 starts. With the score tied 80-80 early in the fourth quarter, Chicago outscored the Pistons 16-6 to take a 10-point lead with seven minutes remaining.

Billy Knight scored 16 of his game-high 33 points in the third quarter. Mike Mitchell kept the Cavaliers close with a 29-point performance.

Sidney Moncrief scored 23 points to lead the Bucks, who never trailed in the game. Midway through the third quarter, the Nets pulled within three points of the Bucks, 72-69, but Milwaukee scored nine straight points to break it open.



OUT: Paddy Rogan, the No. 5 seed, playing a backhand during his match with Capdequi. Rogan crashed 6-2, 6-3.

# In Air France Tennis Unseeded Capdequi shocks Rogan

By Lantie Thomas

JEDDAH, March 23 — The Air France Open Tennis tournament rolled into action Thursday afternoon with the also-rans vying for a place in the second round where they could dream of making a name for themselves by upsetting one of the seeded players, all of whom sat out the first round.

And where would the romantics be if the occasional dream didn't come true, which it did. Paddy Rogan, the No. 5 seed, suffered a double rout, Friday, from the midday sun and his opponent, and crashed out 6-3, 6-2 to become the tournament's first major casualty (who cares about those also-rans?). And who was Alfredo Capdequi they all asked? None seemed to know anything about this newcomer who had dared upset the organizers hard work in sorting out the seeding. Most guesses proved wrong, especially the one where he was the son of an important Italian-American gentleman hiding in cognito in far away Jeddah.

(Those romantics can go too far!) Actually, Capdequi arrived from Spain two months ago and is apparently finding the change from clay courts hard going (not hard enough, I'm sure as far as Rogan is concerned.) Should the seeding work out from now, Capdequi will meet No. 4 seed Bertil Ohlsson in the quarterfinals but will have two matches beforehand to get the feel of the fast Lockheed courts. One of those matches could be against Don Clark, who will doubtless have his own ideas about making a name for himself.

Lockheed Aircraft International very kindly allowed the use of the excellent facilities at their North Creek compound and have made every effort to ensure the tournament's success, something which has not gone unnoticed amongst the players and spectators.

There were no other upsets though. The other seeds all successfully began their march toward a return ticket to Paris, at least, the seeds that were there. The

"Renne Rules, O.K." cheer section were in short supply, as was Abasillas, the No. 1 seed. He is on the east coast playing in another tournament along with the No. 6 seed Mike Relleve. It was hard to decide who the spectators wanted to see most; Abasillas because he's the best, or Relleve because he is unknown but with a heavy reputation. Both are due in action Monday night.

Jerry Hurst began his defense of the title with a comfortable win over Raffie Naguiat, the Thai champion, whose erratic play is probably his own worst enemy. Hurst should have no trouble reaching the quarterfinals where he's scheduled to meet the hard-hitting No. 7 seed Rudi Edholm.

Most interest in first round action (no-hopers section!) centered around 12-year-old Swede, Herman Swan, who kept Shaker on court for two hours before bowing out 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. A short-lived triumph for Shaker, who crashed 6-3, 6-1 to No. 3 seed Joe Reilly in the second round.

# Sanchez batters Castanon to keep title

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, March 23 (AP) — World Boxing Council featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez stopped no. 1-ranked challenger Roberto Castanon Sunday when referee Davey Pearl halted a scheduled 15-round fight 1:09 into the 10th round.

Sanchez had control of the bout from the first round but missed his pre-fight prediction that the bout would be over by the eighth round.

It was the fifth successful title defense for Sanchez, of Mexico City, who won the title in February, 1980 with a win over Danny "Little Red" Lopez.

Castanon, of Spain, failed to win a single round despite a promising start. Sanchez, now 37-1-1 with 30 knockouts, appeared to be coasting and measuring Castanon in the early rounds but, in the seventh, began to lure the Spaniard by turning to one side as Castanon moved closer for a punch, Sanchez would catch him with a jab and often follow it with a quick right.

In the ninth round, Sanchez backed Castanon into a corner at the end of the round and worked his face with a series of rights and lefts from only inches away. Just seconds before the bell, Castanon appeared ready to go down. Sanchez knocked Castanon down early in the 10th with a short left, but Castanon was back up before the eighth count was completed.

Sanchez immediately began working Castanon's head with a series of short rights until Pearl stepped in and stopped the fight. Both fighters weighed in at 126 pounds (57 kg) for the bout.

Castanon now is 35-2 with 21 knockouts. He had lost earlier title bid to Lopez in March, 1979 when he was stopped in the second round. But he said before the fight with Sanchez that he was not concerned that his opponent had twice stopped Lopez.

Castanon obviously was winded by the fifth

round and, bleeding from both nostrils, appeared to be having a hard time getting enough air. He spit out his mouthpiece midway in the fifth and did so again almost immediately after the bell rang to start the sixth.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was paid upwards of \$1 million from funds allegedly embezzled from the Wells Fargo Bank, but there is no evidence he knew the funds were embezzled, the Los Angeles Times reported in its Monday editions.

The newspaper said it was told by sources close to the investigation that the payments, in the form of Wells Fargo cashier's checks, were personally endorsed by Ali and drawn on accounts held by the Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, Inc. (MAPS) of suburban Santa Monica.

An attempt to reach Ali for comment on the report was unsuccessful. His home telephone has been disconnected and no new number was given. George Caulfield, a Wells Fargo vice president, declined to comment on the story.

# JCC beats 1395 to finish third

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 23 — JCC played out a close victory over 1395 to take third place in the final table as the Binzager B & H Cricket League ended Thursday.

Pak Saudi topped the table and take the championship with an unbeaten record that gives them maximum points from their seven matches. If JCC had lost, then there would have been three teams equally placed in third position with 16 points.

JCC opened the batting and were soon in trouble as both their openers were dispatched for only 15 runs, but a strong 56 from Ghazi and an unbeaten 68 from Inam put them back into the match.

Morris and Balooch opened for 1395 and their 30-run partnership, followed by a further 71 runs for the second wicket put 1395 into a strong position. But when Penn was dispatched the run-rate fell dramatically and tiny spell of bowling from Salman kept 1395 off the pace and they eventually fell short by 22 runs.

In the other match played Thursday, Yellow Rose took their expected win, one IAL by seven wickets, and moved into the runners-up position behind Pak Saudi. Arafat (44) and Shafiq (21) helped Rose to overtake the IAL total of 93, in only 15 overs.

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1395	7	3	4	12
Pak Jeddah	7	2	5	8
IAL	7	1	6	4
University	7	—	7	0



THAT'S IT: Mexico's Salvador Sanchez connects a left to the head of Roberto Castanon of Spain during the fourth round of the scheduled 15-round WBC title bout Sunday. Sanchez retained his title stopping Castanon in the 10th round.

# Boycott, Athey in big stand

PLYMOUTH, Montserrat, March 23 (AFP) — England's batsmen gave another disappointing performance on the second day of their four day match against the Leeward Islands here Sunday, but still took a 50 runs lead with three first innings wickets standing by the close of play.

The Leewards, 135 for five at the start of play, were dismissed for 161 in their first innings and England, after losing six wickets before passing that target, were 211 for seven

wickets at the close. Both innings were dominated by one partnership.

On the first day, Leewards opening batsmen Luther Kelly, 72, and Vance Amory, 37, put on 102 for the first wicket before a complete collapse by their team which continued through to the end Sunday morning.

Then veteran Geoff Boycott, who hit 72, and Bill Athey, 41, put on 110 for the second wicket when England batted before the visitors also collapsed.

# BRIEFS

BUENOS AIRES, (AFP) — Defending champion Jon Ekerold from South Africa won the opening event of the 1981 World Motor Racing Championship in the 30 cc category here Sunday. Second place went to Jean Francois Bald of France, followed by Lavado Jones from Venezuela on a Yamaha.

BOSTON, (AP) — Top-seeded Chris Evert-Lloyd, coming off a four-month layoff, came back from deficits in both sets Sunday to score a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Mima Jausovec and win the title in the \$150,000 Avon Women's Tennis Tournament.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) — Donna Caponi fired a 4-under-par 68 Sunday to capture the \$200,000 Desert Inn Pro-Am Women's Golf Tournament for the second consecutive year.

THE HAGUE, (R) — Soccer star Johan Cruyff pulled out of the 18-man squad named

last Friday for the Netherlands' World Cup qualifying match against France in Rotterdam on Wednesday. Coach Kees Rijvers said Sunday Cruyff had informed him he was not available for the Dutch team.

FORT WORTH, Texas, (AFP) — Bart Conner in the men's event and Julianne McNamara in the women's provided home wins on the final day of the American gymnastics Cup here Sunday. Conner totaled 58.250 points to finish well ahead of compatriot Jim Hartung with Yueju Li of China third. Li was handily placed to challenge Conner at one stage, but a bad fault on the horse ended his hopes.

WELLINGTON, (AFP) — The New Zealand government has taken its first action against the New Zealand Rugby Union over the planned South African Springboks tour this year.

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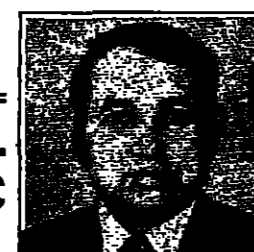
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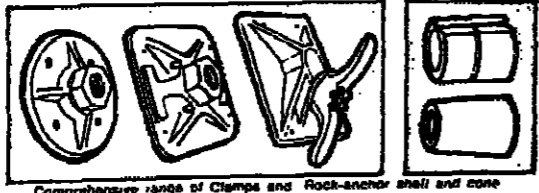
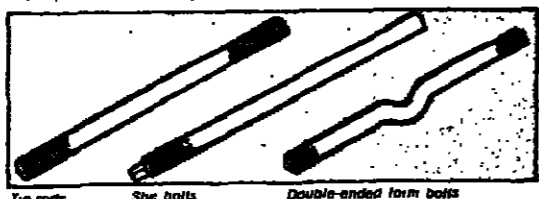
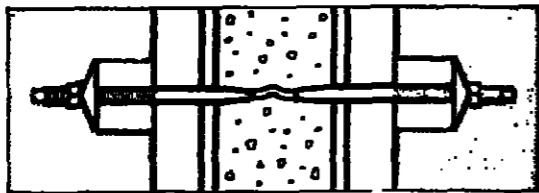
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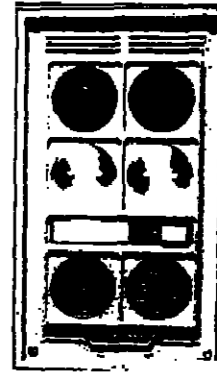
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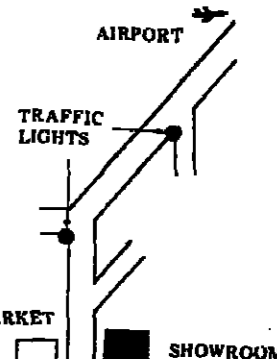
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## Rajai meets president

# Bani-Sadr agrees for war discussion

TEHRAN, March 23 (R) — Iranian President Abolbassan Bani-Sadr has agreed to take part in a special cabinet meeting to discuss the war against Iraq, state television said. The report of his decision follows a statement Saturday by Bani-Sadr raising a faint hope that an Islamic peace mission might end the six-month Gulf conflict.

The eight-nation mission is due in Tehran next week, although there was no confirmation that this would be the subject of the cabinet session. Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai and Bani-Sadr, who have recently been bitterly disputing who runs Iran, met when the cabinet paid a courtesy call to greet the president on the Iranian New Year, the report said.

Rajai was quoted as saying he hoped the session would solve many problems which has not been cleared up because the president, who is also the country's military commander-in-chief, had spent most of his time at the war front. Last Monday religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini put an end to 11 days of recriminations between the president and the Muslim fundamentalist Islamic Republican Party, which dominates the cabinet, by appealing for unity and banning inflammatory speeches.

The Ayatollah called for strict adherence to the constitution, which allows the president to attend cabinet sessions. Rajai says Bani-Sadr has done so only once.

On the war front, the Iranian air force

downed an Iraqi warplane over southwest Iran Sunday while Iraq kept up its artillery barrage of key cities in Khuzestan province, the Iranian joint staff reported. As the Gulf war entered its seventh month, eight people were killed in the provincial capital of Ahwaz and five died in Abadan, a staff communique said.

Iraq said Sunday its forces had killed a total of 111 Iranians in the latest fighting. A high command communique, released by the official Iraqi News Agency, said Iraq's losses were 24 killed. It added that Iraqis made an Iranian force retreat in the Mehran area of Kermanshah province after suffering 73 killed and a large number of wounded.

In Los Angeles, California, about 1,200 jeering demonstrators, supporting and opposing Khomeini, clashed Sunday in MacArthur Park, closing down a section of Wilshire Boulevard with scuffling that resulted in eight arrests.

Two anti-Khomeini demonstrators were tossed into a lake inside the park west of downtown when they entered the area where their opposition had gathered, police said. One man was treated for a broken nose.

## 3 army men killed in Zimbabwe

SALISBURY, March 23 (AP) — Three Zimbabwe soldiers were slain and two wounded in an incident near a camp where several thousand ex-guerrillas were being disarmed by the army, the joint military high command reported here Monday. A statement, released by the information department, gave no details of how the men were killed.

Security sources told the Associated Press the soldiers, a white and two blacks, were killed Saturday by ex-guerrillas loyal to minister without portfolio Joshua Nkomo in the Zambezi valley of northeastern Zimbabwe, 160 kms from here.

They were the first soldiers of the new national army, comprising ex-guerrillas and their old foes, the regular soldiers, to be reported slain since the end of the seven-year war in the former British colony at the end of 1979.

Their deaths were reported as Prime Minister Robert Mugabe was addressing 250 representatives of 44 nations, 11 international investment institutions and 46 national agencies meeting here for a five-day conference on Zimbabwe's reconstruction and development.

The conference was convened by the 11-month-old black socialist government to plead for \$6 billion in aid and investment for the country's war-ravaged economy. Mugabe, who led the country to independence last April 18 after winning British-supervised elections, wants \$1.8 million immediately in soft loans and grants to revamp the infrastructure and the rest for further development and investment later.

Disarming or demobilization of some 36,000 guerrillas has been continuing since Britain organized a cease-fire Dec. 29, 1979.



PHNOM PENH SCENE: Tires are scarce in the Kampuchean capital Phnom Penh, where the city is slowly coming back to life after four years of neglect during Khmer Rouge rule. This man wants to make sure his motorbike is ready.

## Hard talking expected

# Apel flies to Washington

BONN, March 23 (R) — West German Defense Minister Hans Apel flew to Washington Monday for what his aides expected to be hard talking with the Reagan administration on Bonn's defense budget, NATO role and disarmament policy. Apel is the third West German government minister to visit Washington in the past two weeks in advance of a trip in May by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

But U.S. pressure on Bonn to boost defense spending could make his mission more difficult than those of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger had also voiced concern at arms procurement cuts announced in Bonn this month, including delays in the introduction of new air defense missiles and construction of two frigates. Against this background Apel's aides said one of the aims of his trip would be to reassure Washington that it can count on West Germany to fulfil its NATO commitments.

Informed West German sources said he would take with him Bonn's agreement in principle to finance a so-called host nation support program linked with U.S. contingency plans to fly six divisions to West Germany as reinforcements in an emergency.

But this is only one item in a U.S. "shopping list" presented to Bonn last November, which also called for major West German

contribution toward improving barracks and housing for U.S. troops based here. The sources said scope and details of Bonn's contributions still had to be worked out. West German press reports say the new housing alone could cost \$5 billion.

Besides conferring with Weinberger, Apel expects to meet President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Security Adviser Richard Allen during his three-day visit. Allen complained at the weekend about what he called a "better red than dead" mentality in some West European countries. He said the West should conduct arms negotiations with the Soviet Union from a position of strength.

But the Bonn sources said Apel, like Genscher before him, would stress West Germany's commitment to both parts of a NATO twin decision in 1979 to deploy 572 new medium-range missile in Europe and at the same time seek arms talks with Moscow.

Genscher secured assurances from Washington that the United States was ready to resume such negotiations, adjourned since preliminary exchanges in Geneva late last year. Relations between the two allies were jolted again last week by a senior Reagan aide's assertion that Moscow might succeed in pressuring West Germany to secure U.S. concessions on the issue. Haig promptly disavowed the claim and could see a Apel's visit as a chance to set the record straight.

## Assembly poll Wednesday

# Chun's party poised to win

SEOUL, March 23 (AP) — The final weekend before Wednesday's National Assembly elections brought a flurry of political activity across South Korea. There were officially authorized rallies, a spate of news conferences and exchanges of charges and countercharges by party leaders.

The voting Wednesday will name a new parliamentary body under the government of President Chun Doo-Hwan, who was elected last month to a new, seven-year term.

The home ministry said 21,094,468 persons will be eligible to cast ballots, 55.9 per cent of the country's population as of Jan. 31. They will elect two assembly members from each of 92 districts. Another 92 seats will be assigned under a proportional representation system. The government's Democratic Justice Party is expected to win control of the assembly, although there are indications some contests may be close.

Political analysts have predicted that the Democratic Justice Party will win in at least 85 of the 92 districts. They said the present outlook is for the Democratic Korea Party to take about 60 seats and the Korea National

# 91 Afghans to settle in America

KARACHI, March 23 (AP) — Ninety-one Afghan refugees left Karachi Monday, bound for permanent resettlement in the United States, according to a U.S. government official.

The Afghans have been staying in refugee camps in Pakistan since fleeing their native country in the wake of the Soviet invasion about a year ago. They will be the first group of Afghan refugees from Pakistan to emigrate to the United States, although about 250 Afghans who were in refugee camps in India are now in the United States. From Manila the Afghans will fly to Seattle, Washington, where they will join a group of the Afghan refugees from India. U.S. officials in Karachi said the U.S. government has set a quota of 1,200 Afghan refugees coming from camps in India and Pakistan for admission into the United States during the current year, ending Sept. 30. Pakistan authorities said there are about 1.6 million Afghan refugees staying in refugee camps in Pakistan.

## U.S. to consult Europe on arms

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, in a gesture to West European allies, will begin consultations in Brussels later this month on negotiations for a cutback in U.S. and Soviet medium-range nuclear weapons. The talks could lead to East-West negotiations by the end of the year, although the administration intends to move cautiously in dealing with the Soviet Union.

Heading the U.S. delegation to the Brussels talks will be Assistant Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who is trying both to strengthen ties among the allies and take a tough stand toward Moscow, administration sources disclosed.

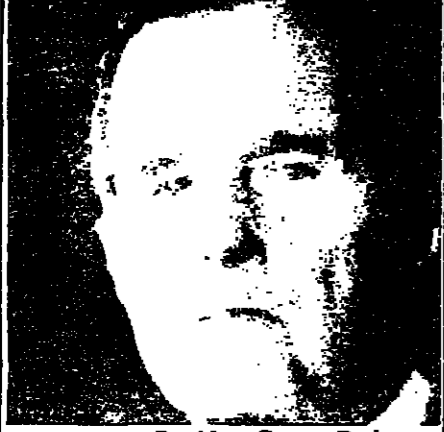
Meanwhile, the United States has postponed a six-monthly meeting on the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) scheduled to open in Geneva Wednesday. The adjournment of the Geneva meeting is "not a major substantive development," an official, who declined to be named, commented Sunday night. The U.S. delegation needed more time to prepare for it, he indicated.

Sources said the dispatch of the Eagleburger mission did not imply a delay in the deployment of medium range missiles in Britain, West Germany and Italy from 1983.

## Dacko shuts university

BANGUI, March 23 (AFP) — President David Dacko has closed down the university here in the wake of violent protests that followed last week's announcement of his victory in the Central African Republic's presidential elections. The move was seen as a bid to defuse tension at the university, which was the starting point of a protest march Friday by supporters of Ange Patasse, the runner-up in the race for the presidency.

Patasse, in a news conference here Saturday, meanwhile condemned France, the former colonial power, for interfering directly in the presidential election and giving Dacko a helping hand. Dacko, in his first meeting with military, trades union and student leaders since the election, condemned Sunday the clashes.



U.S. Vice President George Bush

## U.S. shooting that never was

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP) — For days, it's been the hottest rumor in a city that thrives on gossip about the mighty and powerful of government: that U.S. Vice President George Bush had been shot at and received a minor wound on a Capitol Hill street late one night.

The rumor spread so quickly and widely that Bush, exasperated, finally asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to interview him about it last Friday — even though the FBI was not conducting an investigation, according to *The Washington Post*.

The *Post*, in Sunday's editions, traced the birth and spread of the rumor, detailing how efforts by various news agencies to track it down actually spread it further. The rumor has no basis in fact, the *Post* concluded. That was the same conclusion drawn by several Associated Press reporters who also heard it and tried to pin it down. On Saturday, White House press secretary James S. Brady was asked about the persistent rumor, and he insisted it was "without foundation."

Depending on the teller, the story had various embellishments, but generally, the basis of the story was that Bush had been shot, and grazed in the arm, late one night on a Capitol Hill sidewalk.

The rumor began, the *Post* said, when a young woman artist ran into the street late one night last month, trying to help the victim of a traffic accident. At the scene, she saw a police officer. He told her, she says, that Bush had been shot nearby. The policeman says he told her no such thing.

When the artist, who declined to be named, returned to her apartment, she turned on the television and radio to hear more details, but heard nothing, seeking information, she then called both wire services, the *Post*, and a local television station. The day after the traffic accident, the artist told a friend what she thought she had heard the policeman say about Bush. In turn, her friend told two of his friends, including a person who worked for columnist Jack Anderson. From there, the rumor spread, the *Post* said, despite denials that anything like it had occurred.

At one point, the newspaper said, two *Post* reporters visited a district police official, who denied that anything had occurred. But the reporters saw a pad of paper on his desk Bush's name, the word "assault" and information about a time, date and place.

Eventually, then, the rumor grew to include the word that the *Post* had a "police report" on the case. In fact, the newspaper said, the official's words on the paper were his notes of a conversation police had with a television reporter who had called to try to track down the rumor.



MONGOLIAN IN SPACE: The Soviet Union launched the Soyuz 39 spacecraft Sunday with a Mongolian cosmonaut, Zhngderdemidyn Gurragecha (right) and Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Janibekov.

## Soviets send Mongolian into space

MOSCOW, March 23 (R) — Mongolia has become the eighth of Moscow's allies to send a man into space in a Soviet Soyuz spacecraft. The Soyuz-39 spaceship blasted off from Soviet central Asia Sunday, carrying Vladimir Dzhanibekov 38, and his Mongolian colleague, cosmonaut-researcher Judgedemidyn Gurragecha.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the cosmonauts were in good health and would link up with the Salyut 6 orbital space station, which has been occupied by cosmonauts Vladimir Kovalyonok and Viktor Savinykh for the last eight days. The link-up will probably take place late Monday night if the flight

follows the pattern of previous missions. Gurragecha, a 33-year-old shepherd's son, graduated from a Soviet military school and began training at the main space center near Moscow in 1978. Dzhanibekov spent five days aboard Salyut 6 in January 1978. He is a former air force instructor and comes from the Tashkent region of Uzbekistan.

Tass said the Soyuz-39 crew will carry out space studies and survey Mongolia natural resources during their mission, timed to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the Mongolian revolution. The inter-Cosmos program has involved seven other Soviet-bloc cosmonauts.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig will be in our midst soon — the man who every time he talks or acts, reminds me what the astute old Lebanese politician Raymond Edde said once about the military in general: "They keep their brains their holsters."

Yet on second thought, Haig must be cleverer than average as a military man — cleverer at any rate than some of those our lands who had made it their business to lead us to glory. He not merely extorted himself from the wreckage of it Nixon administration but went for triumph to triumph after it. Leader of NATO first, then he got a seat in Washington itself.

That cleverness, though, doesn't seem to prevent him from sounding off provocatively on almost everything — especially when he keeps threatening to send his forces to places where they have not been invited. And, as an increasing number of people are coming to realize, it isn't only what the secretary of state says which is provocative, but the way he says it.

The substance of what he says must be raising the blood pressure of the old folk at the Kremlin considerably. But for the he chooses to give that substance cannot be doing much good to the blood of teachers of English throughout the length and breadth of the land of the free.

The people who are awaiting Haig's visit with dread must be official translators. The ex-general's cavalier way with language — he thinks nothing of nouning a verb of verbing a noun, let alone his peculiar sense of sentence structure — will mean that he will first have to be translated into English first then to Arabic.

Translated from Ashraq Al Awsat

# Spain plans emergency in Basque

MADRID, March 23 (AFP) — The Spanish government is about to ask Parliament to declare a state of emergency in the terrorism-ridden Basque country, where two lieutenant-colonels were assassinated last week, the newspaper *Diario 16* said Monday. The move would be the first time such a measure has been taken since former Spanish leader General Francisco Franco died in 1975.

A draft law had been drawn up to be sent to Parliament as soon as the government had made a final decision, *Diario 16* added. Spanish Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo Sunday predicted his administration "will take vigorous measures, because it considers the current escalation of terrorism far more serious than previous (escalations)."

Defense Minister Alberto Oliart commented earlier that he did not envisage taking military measures in the Basque region. But observers here believed that an army discontent following last week's killing of the two officers could force the government to take emergency measures. By Spanish law a state of emergency can be declared only with parliamentary authorization.

Calvo Sotelo, in emergency Sunday talks with leading ministers, decided to step up the anti-guerrilla struggle by speeding up implementation of already agreed measures and introducing new ones. Government ministers met again Monday to make a final decision on the package amid calls for sever action from politicians and some sections of the Spanish press, which said the choice was between guerrillas and democracy.

Basque guerrillas have killed 25 senior Spanish army officers over the past three years and the aim of the abortive Feb. 2 coup was to set up a military government to intensify the struggle against them. Some members of the crowd attending the funeral of Lt. Col. Ramon Romeo Rotache in Bilbao Sunday chanted the names of military men said to be involved in the uprising.

Lt. Col. Jose Luis Prieto killed Saturday in Pamplona, is to be buried Monday. More than 10,000 people filed past his coffin Sunday.

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